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Program Established: Fiscal Year 2003

In 2003, the Fogarty International Center (FIC) issued the first solicitation for applications under the Fogarty International Clinical Scholars Program for U.S. and developing country advanced degree students in the health sciences. This relatively new program provides early career opportunities for U.S. graduate students in the health professions to participate in mentored clinical research in developing countries. FIC and the Ellison Medical Foundation jointly support the program. The Association of American Medical Colleges, in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Public Health, provides program support for the solicitation and review of applications.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the next generation of clinical investigators to focus on international health issues. The program also provides new investigators with hands-on experience working in poor and transitional countries.

Number of Awards:	FY 2004	20 U.S. Scholars and 15 foreign site Scholars
	FY 2005	27 U.S. Scholars and 27 foreign site Scholars
	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>23 U.S. Scholars and 24 foreign site Scholars</u>
Total to date:		70 U.S. Scholars and 66 foreign site Scholars

Highlights: This program, which offers one year of mentored clinical research training at a site in the developing world, expands upon international opportunities offered to U.S. graduate students in the health professions, with the hope that such experiences during a formative period will encourage them to pursue careers in global health-related clinical research. The program also provides support for graduate-level clinical research activities at the foreign sites, as well as a stipend for a foreign graduate student to work alongside the U.S. trainee during the clinical research year. Since the start of the program, the stipend amount has significantly increased; this enables foreign site scholars to take a full year off from other work to delve into the clinical research experience.

Initial training sites included Botswana, Brazil, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia. In the second year, sites in Bangladesh, China, Russia, and Tanzania were added. In the third year, an additional site in was added in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Sites have the capacity to provide an outstanding clinical research training experience to one or more Fogarty International Clinical Scholars. Specifically, sites are equipped with the following: an FIC international training grant and an NIH clinical research grant; strong ethical review and oversight of clinical research; committed interest and expertise in mentoring students; appropriate research facilities; and suitable infrastructure arrangements for housing, food, and transportation.

The program builds on international training and research grants supported by FIC and collaborating NIH institutes. Such grants have been integral to the training and career development of developing country scientists and health professionals.

The first annual competition for the Fogarty International Clinical Scholars Program began in the fall of 2003. Awardees commenced training in July of 2004 with a 3-week orientation session at the NIH campus followed by at least 10 months at the foreign site. This year, we will have a 2-week intensive orientation and training session at NIH followed by a 3 day mini-orientation session at the respective US Institutes before sending the scholars off to their respective foreign sites for 10 months.

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FIC Announces International Clinical Research Training Fellowship Awardees

The Fogarty International Center (FIC), part of the National Institutes of Health, announces the 23 awardees of this year's FIC/Ellison Overseas Fellowships in Global Health and Clinical Research Program.

The training program pairs U.S. graduate students with low- and middle-income country students in the health sciences. These paired awardees receive one year of mentored clinical research training at an NIH-funded institution in a developing country.

The FIC, the Ellison Medical Foundation, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases jointly support the fellowship program. The Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of Schools of Public Health provide program support for recruitment and review.

Twenty-three fellows were selected from the 136 U.S. applicants in the third annual competition. Representatives from 18 foreign sites identified 24 fellows at similar stages in their careers to "twin" with the U.S. Fellows.

The 2006 United States and foreign partner awardees are:

Channa R. Jayasekera, MD candidate, Duke University and Yasmin Ara Begum, MS., Ph.D. candidate, Dhaka University will work in Bangladesh at ICDDR,B Centre for Health and Population Research under the mentorship of Dr. Stephen B. Calderwood, Harvard School of Public Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Dr. Firdausi Qadri, ICDDR,B. The focus of their training will be related to vibrio cholerae and enterotoxigenic bacteriodes fragilis (ETBF) infections.

Carl Davis, Ph.D., MD candidate, University of Pennsylvania and David Nkwe, MSc., Botswana-Harvard Partnership, will work in Gaborone, Botswana at the Princess Marina Hospital under the mentorship of Dr. Myron Essex, Harvard School of Public Health, and Dr. Joe Makhema, Princess Marina Hospital. The focus of their training will be acute HIV infection.

Benjamin Kozyak, MD candidate, University of Pennsylvania; Christopher Eller, MD candidate, University of Virginia; Andr ssa Aby Faraj L. Maciel, MD candidate, Federal University of Cear ; and Ila Fernanda Nunes Lima, MD., PhD candidate, Federal University of Cear , will work in Fortaleza, Brazil at Federal University of Ceara under the mentorship of Dr. Richard Guerrant, Center for Global Health, University of Virginia; Dr. Reinaldo Oria and Dr. Aldo A.M. Lima, Federal University of Ceara. The focus of their training will be focusing on genetic determinants and molecular testing for chronic childhood diarrhea, particularly such pathogens as Enteroaggregative E Coli, Giardia and Cryptosporidia.

Tracey Newlove, MD candidate, University of Arizona College of Medicine, and Ricardo Riccio Oliveira, MS., PhD candidate, Federal University of Bah a, will work in Salvador, Brazil at the Federal University of Bah a under the mentorship of Dr. Warren D. Johnson, Jr., Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Dr. Edgar M. Carvalho, Federal University of Bah a. The focus of their training will be tropical infectious diseases such as immunopathogenesis of mucosal leishmaniasis.

Susan P.Y. Wong, MD candidate, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Musang Liu, MD., National Center for STD and Leprosy Control, will work in Nanjing, China at the National Center for STD and Leprosy Control under the mentorship of Dr. Myron Cohen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and Dr. Xiang-Sheng Chen, National Center for STD and Leprosy Control. The focus of their training will be in acute HIV prevention research.

Peter G. Bendix, MD candidate, University of California at Davis School of Medicine, and Clovy Bellot, MD., Head of HIV/TB Unit, GHESKIO Centers, will work in Haiti at GHESKIO under the mentorship of Dr. Warren D. Johnson, Jr., Weill Medical College of Cornell University; Dr. Daniel Fitzgerald, Cornell University; and Dr. Jean Pape, GHESKIO.

The focus of their training will be in HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis.

Elizabeth Houle, MD candidate, Yale University School of Medicine, and Rupa Laskhmi Harshavardhan, will work in Chennai, India at the YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research under the mentorship of Dr. Kenneth Mayer, Brown University and Dr. Suniti Solomon, Director, YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research. The focus of their training will be HIV and STD prevention.

Karen Ast, MPH, MD candidate, SUNY Downstate Medical School, and Rajiv Sarkar, will work in Vellore, India at the Christian Medical College under the mentorship of Dr. Christine Wanke, Tufts University and Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Christian Medical College. The focus of their training will be epidemiology of HIV infection.

Jessica Beard, MD candidate, Yale School of Medicine, and Serah Ndegwa, MBChB., will work in Nairobi, Kenya at the University of Nairobi under the mentorship of Dr. King Holmes and Dr. Carey Farquhar, both of University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center, Center for AIDS and STD, and Dr. James Kiarie, University of Nairobi AIDS Research and Training Program. The focus of their training will be HIV transmission.

Krishna Reddy, MD candidate, Harvard Medical School; Paul Walker, MD candidate, Yale School of Medicine; Gerson Darío Galdos Cadenas, MD.; and Julio Alberto Lanfranco Molina, MD will be work in Lima, Peru at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia under the mentorship of Dr. Robert Gilman, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. The focus of their training will be related to emerging infectious diseases.

Christina Rager, MD candidate, SUNY Brooklyn; Christina Khan, PhD., MD candidate, University of Illinois College of Medicine; Isaac Efraín Alva López, MD.; and Peggy C. Martínez Esteban, MD., will work in Lima, Peru at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia under the mentorship of Dr. King Holmes and Dr. Joseph Zunt, both of University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center, Center for AIDS and STD, and Dr. Silvia Montano, US Naval Medical Research Center Detachment. The focus of their training will be HIV prevention and vaccines.

AuTumn Davidson, MD candidate, Brown Medical School, and Yanis Tolstov, MSc., PhD. Candidate, St. Petersburg State University, will work in St. Petersburg, Russia at the Biomedical Center under the mentorship of Dr. Robert Heimer, Yale School of Public Health, and Dr. Andrei P. Kozlov, Director, Biomedical Center. The focus of their training will be sex and drug related HIV risks and transmissions.

James Hudspeth, MD candidate, Washington University School of Medicine; Devina Govender, MBChB, and Sengeziwe Sibeko, MBChB., FCOG., PhD candidate, will work in Durban, South Africa at Natal University under the mentorship of Dr. Salim Abdool Karim, CAPRISA and Dr. Alan Berkman, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. The focus of their training will be HIV/AIDS prevention and antiretroviral therapy implementation.

Sarah Hoehnen, MD candidate, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Ute Feucht, MBChB, FCP., will work in Pretoria, South Africa at Kalafong Hospital, University of Pretoria under the mentorship of Dr. Brian Forsyth, Yale School of Medicine, and Prof. Mariana Kruger, Kalagong Hospital. The focus of their training will be HVI/AIDS and mother and child health.

Anna Acosta, MD candidate, New York University School of Medicine, and Ramadhani Mwiru, MD., MS., Aga Khan Hospital will work in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at Muhimbili University under the mentorship of Dr. Wafaie Fawzi, Harvard School of Public Health, and Prof. Ferdinand Mugusi, Muhimbili University. The focus of their training will be nutrition and HIV/AIDS.

Benjamin Lee, MD candidate, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; Tanyaporn Wansom, MD candidate, University of Michigan Medical School; Utaiwan Utaipat, PhD., MSc.; and Parichat Pimsarn, MD., will work in Thailand at Chiang Mai University, Research Institute for Health Sciences (RIHES) under the mentorship of Dr. Chris Beyrer, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Voravit Suwanvanichkij, MD., MPH., Research Associate, Chiang Mai University. The focus of their training will be HIV and STD transmission and prevention.

Katherine R. Dickman, MD candidate, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Lydia Nakiyingi, MBChB., PhD. Candidate, Makerere University, will work in Kampala, Uganda at the Makerere University under the mentorship of Dr. Christopher Whalen, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Dr. Moses Kamya, and Dr. Harriet Mayanja-Kizza. The focus of their training will be HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis prevention and therapy.

Jason Goldman, MD candidate, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and Kenneth Chali Kapembwa, MBChB, MMed. candidate, University of Zambia, will work in Lusaka, Zambia at the Center for Infectious Disease Research-Zambia (CIDRZ) under the mentorship of Dr. Sten Vermund, Vanderbilt University, University of Alabama Medical Center, Institute for Global Health, and Dr. Jeffrey Stringer, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Dr. Isaac Zulu, CIDRZ. The focus of their training will be HIV seroincidence.

Krista Pfaendler, MD candidate, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Christopher Nyirenda, MBChB, MMed. Candidate, University of Zambia, will work in Lusaka, Zambia at the Center for Infectious Disease Research-Zambia (CIDRZ) under the mentorship of Dr. Sten Vermund, Vanderbilt University, University of Alabama Medical Center, Institute for Global Health, and Dr. Groesbeck Parham, University of Alabama Medical Center, and Dr. Mulindi Mwanahamuntu, CIDRZ. The focus of their training will be HIV seroincidence.

Country Sites and Principle Investigators

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Site & Year

Site	2006 Scholars	2005 Scholars	2004 Scholars
Bangladesh	Yasmin Ara Begum Channa Jayasekera	Ashraful Islam Khan Eric Jorge Nelson	<i>Program began in 2005</i>
Botswana	Carl Davis David Nkwe	Erin McDonald Lemme Kebaabetswe Melissa Ketunuti Raabya Rossenkhan	Jose Hagan Enoch Sepako
Brazil (Fortaleza)	Christopher Eller Benjamin Kozyak Ila Nunes Lima Andr�ssa Linhares Maciel	<i>Program began in 2006</i>	<i>Program began in 2006</i>
Brazil (Salvador)	Tracey Newlove Ricardo Riccio Oliveira	Luiz Santos Guimar�es Alon Unger	Edilane Boaventura Peter "Buzz" Marcovici Seth O'Neal
China	Musang Liu Susan Wong	Xing GAO Charles Lin	<i>Program began in 2005</i>
Haiti	Clovy Bellot Peter Bendix	Didie Herold Louis	Dominique Dorsainvil Russell Horwitz
India (Chennai)	Rupa Harshavardhan Elizabeth Houle	Kirti Kabeer Narasimhan Padmanesan Ramnath Subbaraman Sonia Singh	Sandeep Pulimi Snigdha Vallabhaneni
India (Vellore)	Karen Ast Rajiv Sarkar	Andrea Finkelman Kirthi Sathyakumar	Kaylan Banda Jacqueline Firth Mark Franciosa SriIa Gopal
Kenya	Jessica Beard Serah Wanjiru Ndegwa	John Kinuthia Anne Gathoni Mungai Cameron Page Ashok Reddy	Norman Kiiru Njogu Sara Selig
Mali	<i>No program in 2006</i>	Mahamadou Assadou Craig Conard	Drissa Coulibaly Jason Nixon
Peru (JHU)	Gerson Galdos C�rdenas Julio Lanfranco Molina- Krisnha Reddy Paul Walker	Joseph Donroe Anne Griffin Jonathan Sherman Giselle Soto Martin Tapia	Natalie Bowman Suzanne DeLea Phabiola Herrera

Site	2006 Scholars	2005 Scholars	2004 Scholars
Peru (UW)	Christina Rager Christina Khan Isaac Alva López Peggy Martínez Esteban	Carolina Mejía Felicia Chow Mirtha Nuñez Cabrera Marizabel Rozas LaTorre	Evelyn Hsieh Magaly Blas
Russia	AuTumn Davidson Yanis Tolstov	Alexey Gorlinsky Gina Kruse	<i>Program began in 2005</i>
South Africa (Durban)	Devina Govender James Hudspeth Sengeziwe Sibeko	Lisa Bebell Sibusiso Ntsele Kogieleum Naidoo Richard Wiseman	David Edwards Daniel Johnson Munira Khan Terrence Moodley
South Africa (Pretoria)	Ute Feucht Sarah Hoehnen	Joan Nteboheleng Matji Vanessa Wolfman	Michael Kinzer
Tanzania	Anna Acosta Ramadhani Mwiru	Jeffrey Blander Paul Drain William August Furaha Abel Makubi	<i>Program began in 2005</i>
Thailand	Benjamin Lee Pimsarn Parichat Utaiwan Utaipat Tanyaporn Wansom	Jo Ellen Nord Phunlerd Piyaraj Aaron Samuels Jeerang Wongtrakul	Joe Hyder Supachai Sakkhachornphop
Uganda	Kate Dickman Lydia Nakyingi	Kwei Akuete Kyle Luman Simon Luzige Elizabeth Namukwaya	Bonnie Baker David Meya Jeremy Schwartz
Zambia	Jason Goldman Kenneth Kapembwa Christopher Nyirenda Krista Pfaendler	Sylvia Aparicio Edford Sinkala	Karen Megazzini Aggrey Mweemba Dalilia Zachary

Bangladesh

ICDDR,B

Center for Health and Population Research

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Massachusetts General Hospital



Begum, Yasmin Ara, MS, MPhil

2006-2007

PhD candidate

Dhaka University

I was born in Chittagong, Bangladesh. I obtained my Bachelor, Master and M.Phil degrees in Biochemistry at the University of Dhaka. I am married and have one son. Just after completing my M.Sc., I was granted a fellowship from the National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) in a project entitled, “Study of the causative organisms for infantile diarrhea.” Within the next year, I was appointed as a Research Officer in the Microbiology Branch, ICDDR,B. During this period, I had worked on several projects, especially on bacteriophages. From 1989 to 1991, I worked as a visiting researcher in the field of Molecular Biology at the Department of Bacteriology in the Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo, Japan. After returning from Japan, I rejoined ICDDR, B. I have been working as a Senior Scientific Officer at the Immunology Laboratory. I have been using sensitive immunological techniques for looking at the mucosal and systemic immune responses in *Vibrio cholerae* and Enterotoxigenic ETEC infected patients and vaccine recipients. I am also working on the environmental transmission of enteric pathogen. Currently, I am enrolled for Ph.D. studies in Microbiology with Dhaka University. My work is focused on the understanding of the transmission of ETEC between clinical and surface water samples. I am the co-author of eighteen papers published in peer-reviewed journals.



Jayasekera, Channa R.

2006-2007

MD candidate

Duke University

I graduated from Cornell University in 2003 with a Bachelors degree focusing on international nutrition. Prior to enrolling at Duke University School of Medicine in 2004, I conducted field research and project planning at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Sri Lanka. In my first year of medical school, I worked at the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy co-authoring a policy analysis of Latin American food aid programs, commissioned by the WFP. As such, my work and research experience includes food insecurity, nutritional epidemiology, development economics and international health policy. I am currently involved in global health curriculum development at Duke University. My career interests encompass clinical medicine and clinical research in infectious diseases and gastroenterology, and development economics and policy.

Alumni



Khan, Ashraful Islam, MBBS
2005-2006

I obtained a MBBS degree from Sylhet Medical College under the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh and started my career in the Dhaka Hospital of the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) as a Research Medical Officer in 1998. I have been involved in several research studies at ICDDR,B. These studies focused on a home gardening program to improve micronutrient status of mothers and children in rural Bangladesh, the efficacy of single dose vitamin A to prevent shigellosis in family contacts, and efficacy of zinc supplementation in young infants with acute watery diarrhea. Currently, I am involved in a study entitled 'Immune responses to *Vibrio cholerae* in Bangladesh'. My research interest areas are diarrheal diseases; elderly people; child health; adolescent and maternal nutrition; infectious disease; and clinical epidemiology and biostatistics. I have published two papers.



Nelson, Eric Jorge, MS
2005-2006
MD/PhD candidate
Tufts University

Although some may think that I was raised by Ewoks in Northern California, the truth is that I merely grew up in the Redwood Forest of Eureka, CA, and Ewoks were only dear friends of mine. I studied engineering at Purdue University and progressed to Cornell, where I graduated in '98 with a degree in biology. Escaping the bitter cold of Ithaca, NY, I went South and taught English in Bolivia and toured Patagonia by bicycle. I earned a Masters Degree in Microbiology from the University of Hawai'i in 2001, and in 2002, I entered the MD/PhD program at Tufts University. I have spent time in Chile, Antarctica, Papua New Guinea, and Hawai'i on basic science projects. My interests now lie in defining the hyper-infectious state of *Vibrio cholerae*, and how insights into this bizarre phenotype may advance vaccine design for enteric pathogens in the developing world.

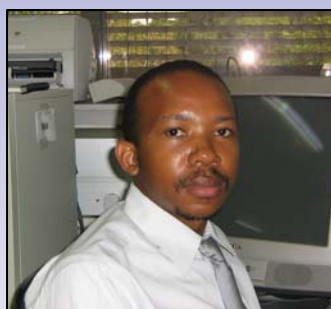
Botswana

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Harvard University—School of Public Health



Davis, Carl, PhD
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Pennsylvania

Carl Davis grew up in Wayland, Massachusetts and graduated from Wayland High School in 1996. He then attended Harvard University, where he worked in the lab of R. John Collier, performing several studies involving bacterial toxins that contributed to his undergraduate thesis. After graduating Harvard in 2000, he joined the combined MD/PhD program at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his PhD dissertation in the laboratory of Robert W. Doms investigating the role of the C-type lectins DC-SIGN and DC-SIGNR in the pathogenesis of HIV and West Nile virus infections. He is now currently completing his clinical requirements for the MD degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He applied to the Fogarty program in order to further his long term career goal of helping to develop new vaccine candidates for diseases such as malaria and HIV. He hopes to see first hand the strategies that allow productive collaborations between clinical researchers and basic scientists, in the hope of developing similar collaborations in his own career. Carl's hobbies include spending time outdoors, particularly hiking and camping, and he has recently become an avid road bicyclist. He hopes to continue these hobbies during his time in Botswana.



Nkwe, David, MSc
2006-2007

I earned my BSc. degree (Biological Sciences) from the University of Botswana in 2000. Upon completion of my BSc., I enrolled for Post Graduate Diploma in Education (2000-2001). In 2003, I qualified with MSc. (Applied Microbiology) from University of Botswana. My BSc. research was on filamentous fungi of medical importance. At MSc, my research was on mycoflora and mycotoxins contaminating traditional sorghum beer and its raw-materials. I have been employed by the Botswana-Harvard Partnership as a Laboratory Research Assistant, since 2003. Before being appointed to coordinate laboratory activities for HIV vaccine trials conducted in Botswana, I was based in PCR lab, where I performed RNA PCR (a quantitative technique) for monitoring viral load in anti-retroviral patients; and DNA PCR for diagnosis of infants for HIV. Currently, my duties include writing and approving Standard Operating Procedures, performing other tests that may be required for the trials, and working with Quality Assurance Unit to implement Quality Management for vaccine trials. My research interests encompass vaccinology, immunology and molecular studies of HIV-1C.

Alumni



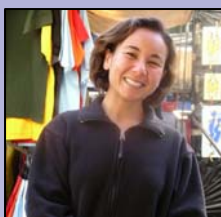
Hagan, Jose, MD, MS
2004-2005

My interest in international health largely comes from a youth misspent on the mean streets of Doha Qatar, Mogadishu, Somalia, and Nairobi, Kenya. I attended college at Johns Hopkins University, where I also received a Master's degree in Neuroscience. I received my MD degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. During my first year of medical school, I conducted a study of the prevalence of HIV and STIs in low-income commercial sex workers in Mongolia. After my third year, I spent my Fogarty fellowship year at the Botswana-Harvard AIDS Partnership in Gaborone, Botswana, where I studied the relationship of viral load measurements and vertical HIV transmission. I am currently a resident in Internal Medicine at Washington University in Saint Louis.



Kebaabetswe, Lemme Prica, MSc
2005-2006

I was born in Botswana. I have an MSc degree in Applied Microbiology and hope to do a PhD in Virology one day. My MSc research focused on detection and characterization of rotavirus group A from human stools in Northern Botswana. I am interested in health research and my research interests are to understand the mechanisms of infection and pathogenicity of the HIV virus, rotavirus or influenza virus for vaccines development. Since the Fogarty Fellowship program addresses global health challenges through collaborative research and international partnerships, I hope to learn and benefit a lot from the program and in turn provide support. I enjoy listening to music, playing tennis, softball and traveling.



Ketunuti, Melissa
2005-2006
MD candidate
Stanford School of Medicine

My nationality is Thai/Belgium and my schooling started with the International School of Bangkok (K-12). I went to Amherst College and then Stanford School of Medicine. I look forward to the Fogarty project in Gaborone, Botswana where I hope to work on the project of identification of acute and early HIV infections and researching the virologic and immunologic aspects of early HIV subtype C infection. My outside interests are running, biking, and my dog. My career aspirations include becoming a general surgeon (working internationally, of course). My career in my other life hinges around aerial photography.



McDonald, Erin Carlyle
2005-2006
MD candidate
Stanford School of Medicine

I grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, in a small town known mostly for having the second largest man-made star in the world. I spent my undergraduate years at University of Chicago. While there, I concentrated both in biology and a broad based liberal arts degree studying the spiritual and philosophical underpinnings of comedy. I took a year in between my undergraduate and medical school to work in a health clinic in Accra, Ghana for four months and to travel through India for two months. Currently, I am attending Stanford Medical School, and I'm interested in applying for a general surgery residency.



Rossenkhana, Raabya
2005-2006
MSc candidate
University of Botswana

Born and raised in Lobatse, Botswana and of Mauritian decent, I have an immense enthusiasm for HIV/AIDS research as it is a disease that has reached devastating proportions in my country and the developing world. I am currently working on my Masters in Applied Microbiology research project at the University of Botswana and Botswana Harvard School of Public Health Partnership Laboratory Titled: 'Biological Cofactors Tumor Necrosis Factor-alpha (TNF- α) and Interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β) association with Viral load in Breast Milk of HIV-1C Infected Mothers,' which I am very passionate about and hope will contribute to a more complete understanding of the factors associated with post partum transmission of the virus. I look forward to developing a career in HIV/AIDS research, and I am convinced that the Fogarty/Ellison Fellowship Program offers an opportunity to interact with other young scientists and get excellent mentorship in the pursuit of these goals.



Sepako, Enoch
2004-2005
MRes Candidate
University of Leeds, UK

I am a citizen of Botswana. I hold a BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry from University of Reading, United Kingdom where I graduated in 1997. Upon completion of my undergraduate studies, I joined the Institute of Health Sciences, Gaborone, Botswana as a tutor in physiology and biochemistry. I was employed as a laboratory research assistant by Botswana Harvard Partnership in 2000 and worked there until August 2005. During my Fogarty fellowship year, I studied HIV-1 Subtype C in Vitro Growth and Coreceptor Utilization. Currently, I am attending the University of Leeds, United Kingdom as a Master of Research (MRes) student specializing in infection and immunity. At the moment, I am working on a research project titled: **Comparative Analysis on Variant ICAM-1 Receptor binding to Rhinoviruses Serotypes**. I am also in my final year of an MBA program.

Fortaleza, Brazil

Federal University of Ceara
PI: Richard L. Guerrant, MD
Center for Global Health, University of Virginia



Eller, Christopher

2006-2007

MD candidate

University of Virginia

I am currently a medical student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. I spent the first 20+ years of my life living in northeastern Maryland, attending the University of Delaware as a biochemistry major before heading south for medical school. While an undergraduate, and subsequently as a medical student, I have had the opportunity to spend parts of three summers conducting demographic research in Guinea-Bissau and Senegal in West Africa, and Zambia, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe in Southern Africa. I also was involved in research in an enzymology lab as an undergraduate, structurally characterizing RNA modifying enzymes. In my free time, I enjoy refereeing youth, adult, and high school soccer games, as well as, the occasional college soccer match. In the long-term, I hope to combine my interests in global health, clinical medicine, and research into a career in the area of tropical infectious disease.



Kozyak, Benjamin

2006-2007

MD candidate

University of Pennsylvania

My early years were spent in Miami, Florida, growing up, or something along those lines, with my younger brother, Jeremy, and beloved dalmatian, Oreo. I've pushed every button I've ever laid eyes on. After graduating from Ransom Everglades High School, I traded the beach for the snowy winters of Amherst, Massachusetts. Best decision I ever made. Some of my most nostalgic memories are of rolling myself out of bed for yet another Sunday morning fifteen-miler with the boys. I was a neuroscience major because I thought it might help me unlock the secrets of the universe. After a year of poking and prodding the brains of many a frog with little glass electrodes to minimal avail, I somehow decided to spend another year in the lab – playing with and writing about myosin genetics in recent primate evolution, as well as a bit of gene therapy, although fortunately not combining the two. Family trips took us to the American Southwest when I was six, and East Africa when I was twelve. Fell in love with both on the spot, which more or less fills in what I've been doing in my free time since. I go to as many places as I can, but would rather explore with a backpack than sprint around to all the 'must-sees.' Might just have to pick up capoeira while I'm down in Brazil.



Ila Fernanda Nunes Lima was born in Piauí, Brazil. She is a Ph.D. student (Mentor: Ph.D. Aldo Ângelo Moreira Lima) in Pharmacology at the Physiology and Pharmacology Department from the Federal University of Ceará (UFC, Ceará, Brazil). Her academic credentials include a degree in Pharmacy (2001) with qualification in Biochemist (2002) from the Federal University of Piauí (UFPI, Piauí, Brazil), and a M.D. in Medical Microbiology (2004) at the Pathology and Legal Medicine Department from the Federal University of Ceará. During and after her graduation, she worked as a teacher in a private school and as a pharmacist in a hospital pharmacy and community pharmacy. In addition, Lima was involved with research on the areas of anti-inflammatory activities of medicinal plants and quality control of water and foods. She has authored and co-authored some manuscripts and abstracts. Currently, Lima's research interests are related to pharmacology of infectious diseases, especially those associated with enteroaggregative *Escherichia coli*.

Lima, Ila Fernanda Nunes, MD

2006-2007

PhD. Candidate

Federal University of Ceará



Andrêssa Aby Faraj L Maciel was born in Natal, Brazil. She graduated from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte- UFRN (Natal, Brazil) in Pharmacy (2001). During that time, she had a scholarship for scientific research and worked with animal behavior in Behavior and Reproduction physiology Laboratory. She received her qualification in Biochemistry (2003) and also concluded a Specialization in Clinical Analysis (2005), all from the Federal University of Ceará, UFC. Currently, she is in the final phase of her M.D. in Pharmacology (Mentor: Dr. Ph.D. Aldo Ângelo Moreira Lima), the aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of Vitamin A (Retinol) in the protection against the injury induced by *Clostridium difficile* Toxin A on transepithelial resistance, apoptosis, intestinal epithelial cell migration and proliferation. This research had the international collaboration of Dr. Richard L Guerrant, M.D., Center for Global Health, University of Virginia, EUA. During this year's second semester, she plans to begin her Ph. D. in Pharmacology. The dissertation of this project will be focused on significant genetic components through quantitative genetic analyses of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* determining the frequencies, intensity and genotypes of these parasites.

Maciel, Andrêssa Aby Faraj L.

2006-2007

MD candidate

Federal University of Ceará

Salvador, Brazil

Federal University of Bahia
PI: Warren D. Johnson, Jr., MD
Weill Medical College of Cornell University



Newlove, Tracey
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Arizona

I graduated from the University of Arizona in 2002 with degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics and Spanish Literature. During my undergraduate career, I engaged in multiple extracurricular activities, focusing on scientific research, Latin American cultural activities and international travel. One of the most memorable of these activities is my participation in a study abroad program in Alcala de Henares, Spain where the curriculum included Spanish film, literature and linguistics. After receiving my bachelors degrees, I spent a year doing additional research in the field of protein structural biochemistry and the evolution of protein folding. I currently attend the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson, Arizona and have just completed my third year of medical school. During medical school, I have continued to pursue opportunities in international travel and medicine, with participation ranging from organizing global health conferences in my local community to working in the HIV/AIDS ward of a state hospital in Ecuador. I am excited for the opportunity to study in Salvador, Brazil and hope this experience guides me towards a future career filled with pursuing and creating opportunities in the field of global health care.



Oliveira, Ricardo Riccio, MS
2006-2007
PhD candidate
Federal University of Bahia

Ricardo Riccio Oliveira received his Masters degree in 2005 in Immunology from the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil and is currently pursuing his PhD in immunology at the same university. He is currently working as an Investigator in the Division of Immunology at the Professor Edgard Santos Hospital, Federal University of Bahia, where he was a fellow from 2001-2003.

Alumni



I am an Infectious Disease physician who graduated in 1998 from the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil. I completed a masters program (2004) in Medical Science, and then began a PhD program in Tropical Medicine. My interest in research derives from the large public health burden of Infectious Diseases in my region of Brazil. As a third year medical student, I began my research career analyzing drug resistance patterns of local pneumococcal meningitis. After graduation and completion of my residency program, I entered into master's level research on *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis outcomes among penicillin resistant cases.

Boaventura, Edilane Gouveia Voss, MD, MS
2004-2005
PhD candidate
Federal University of Bahia



I was born in Itabuna, Bahia, Brazil on July 15, 1969. I graduated in Medicine at Escola Baiana de Medicina e Saúde Pública in 1996. In 1997, I worked as a physician in the Brazilian Army. Since 2001, I have worked in the Immunology Service of Federal University of Bahia with American Tegumentary Leishmaniasis in endemic area.

Guimaraes, Luiz Henrique Santos, MD
2005-2006



I grew up in Huntington Beach, CA, in a family of two other siblings and my parents. I grew up in the water, as a swimmer, surfer and ocean lifeguard. I went to UCSD for undergrad, studying ecology and anthropology. During college, I spent a year living and studying on the south island of New Zealand, where I became involved with many wilderness sports, such as backcountry skiing and mountaineering. I took two years off after college, volunteering at a small hospital in the Caribbean for a few months, and then working back at home doing clinical research. I went out east to Columbia University for medical school. I moved to New York City shortly before September 11th, which marked a scary transition in my, and many of our lives. While in med school, I participated in the Fogarty-Ellison fellowship, living in Salvador, Brazil for the year. I studied the geo-spatial distribution leptospirosis, and how the environment in which you live affects your risk of getting sick.

Marcovici, Peter, MD
2004-2005



Prior to entering medical school, Seth O'Neal lived on a volcano in Costa Rica where he ran an adventure travel company. While traipsing around the rainforest with bikes, boats, and balloons, he learned a thing or two about insects, strange fevers and nasty skin sores. Though having the time of his life, he became tired of contracting vector-borne diseases and decided to return to the US to study them instead. Seth is now a fifth year medical student at Oregon Health and Sciences University, and will soon pursue an MPH and residency in preventive medicine. He is focused on global health issues, and recently returned from a year of clinical research in Brazil as a Fogarty/Ellison student fellow. His work there involved the immunopathogenesis of leishmaniasis and intestinal helminth coinfection, and the experience hopelessly biased him towards a career in international clinical research. He has previously worked or volunteered internationally in Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Russia, and he actively seeks any excuse to return to Latin America.

O'Neal, Seth
2004-2005
MD/MPH candidate
Oregon Health & Sciences University

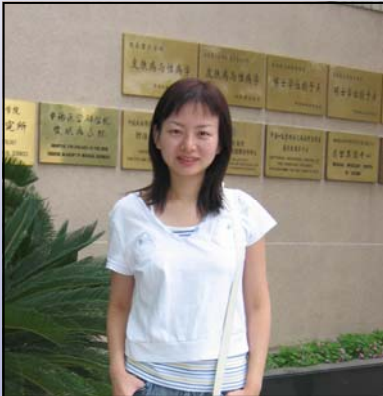


I am originally from Arizona and majored in Religious Studies and Biology and Society at Arizona State University. Before medical school, I pursued a masters in Economic and Social History at Oxford University and a masters in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After one more year working and traveling in South Africa and the UK, I finally made my way to UCSF medical school, where I have been involved in HIV care, homeless health care and international health projects. I also enjoy a number of sports (surfing, soccer, running) and camping .

Unger, Alon, MS
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of California-San Francisco

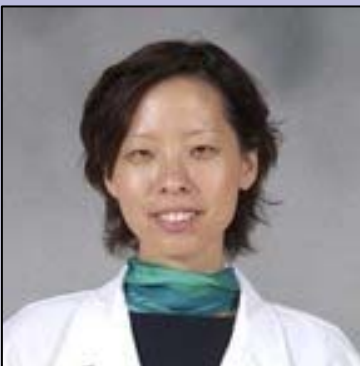
China

National Center for STD and Leprosy Control
Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking Union Medical College
PI: Myron Cohen, MD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Medicine



Liu, Musang, MD.
2006-2007

I was born in Xi'an, China and spent my childhood in this famous old city. When I grew up, my dream was to be a doctor and help others. So, eight years were spent in Medical College, Xi'an Jiaotong University to study medicine and dermatology. After graduation, I was very lucky to work in the National Center for STD Control, China CDC-WHO Collaboration Center for the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections, which belongs to Institute of Dermatology, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS) and Peking Union Medical College (PUMC).



Wong, Susan
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Susan Wong attends University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She brings to the program international and immigrant health experiences in vaccine development with the Human Hookworm Vaccine Initiative at George Washington Univ., and medical interpretation research with the Center for Immigrant Health, New York Univ. She founded the ESL Health Literacy Program, Univ. of Pittsburgh, a health education program for refugees resettled in Pittsburgh. Additionally, Ms. Wong holds a deep interest in women's health, leading research and health service programs in violence against women and its health sequelae. She intends to pursue a clinical and research career in global and women's health. Ms. Wong will return to China for her 13th time to fulfill her Fogarty Fellowship at Nanjing's National Center for STD and Leprosy Control, investigating HIV and syphilis infection control. She will have the unique experience of spend some time at a leprosy colony.

Alumni



GAO, Xing, MD.

2005-2006

PhD candidate

National Center for STD and Leprosy Control

I am a Ph.D. candidate on STD and HIV epidemiological research. I take part in the domestic and international public health research, including the C-POL, CIPRA and FHI-HIV project, to prevent the STD and HIV epidemic in China. I am now a Ph.D. Candidate at the National Center for STD & Leprosy Control (CAMS&PUMC). I was a short-term Scholar for Principles of STD and HIV Research Course at the University of Washington. I was also a post-graduate student at the National Center for STD & Leprosy Control (CAMS&PUMC), after being a medical student at Nanjing Medical University.



Lin, Charles

2005-2006

MD candidate

University of California-San Francisco

Born in Taiwan, I was 3 years old when I immigrated to the U.S. with my family. I lived briefly in Michigan, but spent most of my childhood in Southern California. Growing up, I loved playing little league baseball, AYSO soccer, and tennis, but dreaded my weekly Saturday morning Chinese classes. Now, however, I am eternally grateful to my parents for teaching me Chinese as I prepare to go to Nanjing, China on the Fogarty/Ellison Fellowship. In college, I majored in Environmental Science & Public Policy at Harvard and after graduation, spent a year at Fudan University in Shanghai, studying Chinese history, Chinese painting, and Chinese food. I am now a 4th year medical student at UCSF.

Haiti

The Haitian Group for the Study of Kaposi's Sarcoma and
Opportunistic Infections (GHESKIO)

PI: Warren D. Johnson, Jr., MD

Co-PI: Dan Fitzgerald, MD

Weill Medical College of Cornell University



Bellot, Clovy, MD
2006-2007

Dr. Clovy Bellot is the Head of HIV/TB Unit , GHESKIO Centers in Haiti. He received MD from the State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince in 1994 and specialized in Internal Medicine from the same university in 1998. Dr. Bellot began his medical career as a clinician at the Belladere Hospital in 1995 and later at Mais-sade Health Center and Sainte Therese Hospital. In 1998, after receiving his specialization, he transferred to Petion-Ville to work as an Internist at the Hospital de la Communaute Haitienne, where he continues to work today in conjunction to his position as Head of the HIV/TB Unit at GHESKIO Centers in Port-au-Prince.



Bendix, Peter, MPH
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of California at Davis

I grew up in a beautiful small town in Northern California. I went to college at Yale, and majored in English. After college, I was sent by the US Peace Corps to The Gambia, a small country in West Africa. I enrolled at UC Davis School of Medicine after two years in The Gambia. During my time in medical school, I have tried to continuously develop my experience with global health issues, traveling back to The Gambia several times for research, running a medical exchange in Nicaragua, obtaining a public health degree at Harvard, and consulting for a health project in Sierra Leone. I am very excited to start work in Haiti, and look forward to getting to know all the other fellows.

Alumni



My name is Dominique Dorsainvil. I was born in Port au Prince, Haiti, on May 13, 1981. Raised in Port au Prince, I attended the Institution du Sacré-Coeur de Turgeau, one of the country's best catholic schools. There, I completed my elementary and secondary school studies from October 1986 to July 1999 and was consistently ranked among the top ten students of my class. I had always wanted to be a doctor. Hence, in October 1999, after successfully earning the third place in a competitive admissions exam, I began Medical School at the University of Notre-Dame D'Haiti as a member of the October 1999 - March 2007 class. I have since been the top student of that class. In July 2004, I was chosen to represent my University in a competition organized by GHESKIO on behalf of the Fogarty-Ellison Fellowship Program in Global Health and Clinical Research. Again, I won the competition and obtained the afore-mentioned fellowship. The following summer (August 2005), I secured a one-month internship at CHU-Brugman in Brussels,

Dorsainvil, Dominique, MD
2004-2005



I have been working for the last 10 years in the area of clinical medical ethics through the Empirical Ethics Group at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In July of 2004, I received the Fogarty/Ellison Overseas Fellowship in Global Health and Clinical Research, which allowed me to complete my PhD in Community Health. My work in an urban HIV/AIDS clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti (the GHESKIO Centers) revealed the pitfalls of using a true-false questionnaire to measure informed consent understanding for HIV vaccine trials. As a medical student living in Haiti during a period of political instability, I witnessed the increasing violence against women that erupted soon after President Aristide's departure. In collaboration with Cornell and GHESKIO investigators, I have begun to examine a disturbing increase in the number of rape victims visiting GHESKIO. These findings have led me to analyze public attitudes toward sexual violence against women in Haiti. In the future, during and after residency, I hope to continue working in the field of international behavioral health to improve the lives of the under-served.

Horwitz, Russell, MD, PhD
2004-2005



Growing up in Haiti, where the future is often uncertain, I have always known that I wanted to help the people in my country and that I wanted to become a doctor. I had the privilege to have a very strong mother who always encouraged me to follow my dreams even when they might seem to be impossible to realize. I enrolled in medical school in 1995, which was a very tough time in Haiti. We'd just had a coup, and the political situation was very unstable and not too promising. However, I managed to stay focused. After graduation, I started working in the field of public health. At first, I worked for a NGO called The Haitian foundation for diabetes and cardiovascular diseases participating in the first Haitian survey on the prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus and high blood pressure. I also took part in a few clinical research projects on the same topic, and a year later I wanted to move on to other professional issues while research remained an obsession for me. In 2004, I joined Les Centres GHESKIO, by working on three parts: clinical services, training and research. I know that the knowledge and experience that I will acquire during the training will be very valuable to me as a doctor, and very beneficial to the people of my country.

Louis, Didie Herold, MD
2005-2006

Chennai, India

YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research Education

PI: Kenneth Mayer, MD

The Miriam Hospital, Brown University



Rupa Harshavardhan is a medical graduate from Sri Ramachandra Medical college, Chennai, India. Rupa's interests cover a range of aspects related to general medicine and infectious diseases and geriatrics. She also has deep interest in tropical medicine. Rupa volunteered along with Mrs. Sujatha who worked with the differently abled kids teaching them crafts and painting in Chennai. Rupa was a volunteer in the Vision 2020 scheme, which conducted an eye camp that screened them for cataract, refractive errors and glaucoma at Perungudi in Chennai. She was also a volunteer in the pulse polio campaign organized by the Government of Tamilnadu in April 2005. Rupa is a second rank holder in English and French in class XII from Church Park Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School for the year 2000. She is also interested in music, reading, swimming and painting.

Harshavardhan, Rupa Larkhmi, MBBS
2006-2007



I grew up in rural northeastern Vermont, otherwise known as the Northeast Kingdom. During high school, I spent a year in France living with a family there, which fueled my curiosity and appetite for seeing and experiencing new places. I went on to study at Swarthmore College, where I majored in French. During my time there, I returned France for a semester and spent a semester in Nepal, as well. After college, I worked with disturbed kids for a year before returning to Nepal to work as a health care advocate, which motivated me to go to medical school. I returned to the U.S. to attend a post-bac program and along the way worked as a production potter and a nanny, hiked the Appalachian Trail, and spent time in Guatemala learning Spanish. During medical school, I returned to Nepal to work on a project related to treatment of STIs in commercial sex workers and their clients, and have continued to work on my Nepali language skills in classes here at Yale. In life, I love spending time with family and friends, hiking, skiing, biking, reading, sewing, dogs and garage sales.

Houle, Elizabeth "Libby"
2006-2007
MD candidate
Yale School of Medicine

Alumni



Kabeer, Kirti
2005-2006
MD candidate
Sri Ramachandra Medical College

I am a premedical student from Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai, India. I have just graduated from Jerudong International School, Brunei. Earlier, I studied in Lawrence School, Lovedale, at Ootacamund in India. Apart from Medicine being my major field of interest, psychology is a subject that really fascinates me. I love spending my time listening to music, dancing, swimming and spending time at the gym. My father is a consultant Anesthesiologist in Brunei and my mother worked as an IRB/CAB Coordinator in a Community Health Care Centre in Chennai. I feel honored to be part of this fellowship and would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity.



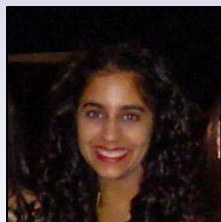
Padmanesan, Narashmhan, MD
2005-2006

I am excited to be one of the fellows from the foreign site of YRG CARE in Chennai, India. I graduated from Sri Ramachandra Medical College in Chennai and am working as a research intern under Dr. Kumarasamy. I am very much interested in clinical research and care. I am currently working on the problems of extra pulmonary tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, under the mentorship of Dr. Kumarasamy. I am really glad I was selected for the fellowship and hope this will be a good learning experience and am looking forward to working with the other fellows.



Pulimi, Sandeep, MD
2004-2005

Sandeep Pulimi is a graduate of Sri Ramachandra medical college in Chennai, India. His interest in HIV/AIDS began in his preclinical years volunteering for Dr Suniti Solomon at YRG CARE, a center for AIDS research and education. He was part of a team that designed and successfully conducted a prevalence study of HIV in rural South India, the results of which have been published in the International Journal of STD & AIDS. After graduating, Dr Pulimi furthered his interest in this field by applying for the NIH Fogarty – Ellison Fellowship. Over the year he has worked on studies involving mortality in HIV infected patients on HAART and on cardiovascular risk factors in the HIV infected patient. Upon completing his fellowship year Dr Pulimi has applied for Internal Medicine in the United States and will be starting his internship year at St Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York.



Singh, Sonia, MHS
2005-2006
PhD candidate
Johns Hopkins University

I am from Farmington Hills, Michigan. I received my M.H.S. in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and am currently a Ph.D. candidate in Epidemiology. My dissertation is a nested case control study of chronic inflammation and its association with breast cancer. My dissertation awards include the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health, Delta Omega Scholarship, Campaign for Epidemiology Fund and Carol Eliasberg Martin Scholarship in Cancer Prevention. I am the first President of the Society for Epidemiologic Research Student Caucus. I have been actively involved in student life at the Bloomberg School. I have three times received the Student of the Year award as well as the Teaching Assistant of the Year award.



Subbaraman, Ramnath
2005-2006
MD candidate
Yale School of Medicine

I was born in upstate New York, but grew up in West Texas from age four. I went to college at the University of Chicago, where I majored in social anthropology focusing on the geographic areas of South Africa and South Asia. After college, I took a year off, spending 4 months working with a housing rights organization in the slums of Mumbai, India and the rest of my time doing basic science research on the role of eosinophils in asthma. I later went back to Mumbai after my first year of medical school to do research on access to sanitation (toilets) and disease. I have also completed my third year of medical school at Yale a few weeks ago.



Vallabhaneni, Snigdha , MD
2004-2005

Snigdha was born in Hyderabad, India and moved to the suburbs of Chicago when she was 12 years old. She attended the Illinois Math and Science Academy for high school, and went on to pursue an undergraduate degree in Development Studies at Brown University. Snigdha stayed at Brown University for Medical School and obtained her MD in May, 2006. After her third year in medical school, she spent a year working as a Fogarty Ellison Research Fellow at Y.R. Gaitonde Center for AIDS Research and Education in Chennai, India. Snigdha co-authored numerous papers on HIV/AIDS in India, which were published in peer-reviewed journals like the NEJM, AIDS, and JAIDS. Snigdha is currently a first year Internal Medicine resident at the University of California in San Francisco.

Vellore, India

Christian Medical College
PI: Christine Wanke, MD
Tufts University



Ast, Karen, MPH
2006-2007
MD candidate
SUNY Downstate

Karen Ast was born and raised in Ithaca, New York. Despite a distaste for cold weather, she headed north to Dartmouth College for her undergraduate education, where she promptly fled the New Hampshire winters to study elephant population dynamics in Zimbabwe and South Africa. After earning her degree in Environmental Studies, she attended the post-baccalaureate pre-med program at Bryn Mawr and spent a year working on a vaccine for plague. She is currently in medical school at SUNY Downstate in New York and recently completed a concurrent Master's in Public Health, for which she did outreach work with injection drug users. Her academic interests include vaccine-preventable diseases, child nutrition, and maternal mortality in developing countries. A former rugby player, she now spends her free time in more subdued activities such as running, hiking, cooking, and reading.



Sarkar, Rajiv, MSc.
2006-2007

I am Rajiv Sarkar, a final year M.Sc. Epidemiology student in the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, India. Prior to joining this program, I completed a Bachelors degree in Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery from the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata, India, followed by a Post-Graduate diploma in Preventive and Promotive Health Care (PGDPPHC) from the Apollo Hospitals Educational and Research Foundation, Hyderabad, India. I developed an interest in public health research while undergoing my internship, which was further enhanced during the PGDPPHC program. This led me to join the M.Sc. course in Epidemiology at CMC, Vellore, one of the leading medical institutions in India. During my M.Sc., I have been involved in different research projects involving spatial epidemiology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), including outbreak investigations and studies related to water and sanitation. Currently, I am doing a study on the risk factors for suicide among the rural elderly in southern India. My research interests include infectious diseases especially diarrheal pathogens, spatial epidemiology and GIS, and psycho-social determinants of health and disease.

Alumni



Banda, Kalyan
2004-2005
MD candidate
Christian medical College

I'm a final year medical student at Christian Medical College, Vellore, India. During the course of my stay in college I have worked on the following research projects: Calcium channels and their significance in pacemaker generation in the frog heart; Humoral immune responses to *Cryptosporidium parvum* infection in children; Knowledge, attitudes and practices with regards to water, sanitation and diarrhoeal diseases in rural South India; and Using a Geographical Information System (GIS) to create a visual database, map water and sewage lines and derive spatial relationships between water sources and sources of contamination. My future interests lie in infectious diseases & public health. I would like to pursue a career in basic & clinical research. I love teaching and hope to employ my skills to provide effective care to those most in need.



Finkelman, Andrea S.
2005-2006
MD/MPH candidate
Tufts Medical School

After growing up in California-Alabama-California-Massachusetts, I attended Brandeis and studied the cultural studies variety of Art History. Studying abroad in South Africa and traveling throughout Southern Africa my senior year gave me a taste for the simultaneous wonder, horror, politics, people, and passionate diversity encompassed by the continent. After graduating from college, I found myself back in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia volunteering in a non-profit clinic for a year and appreciating the spongy array of injera b'wut. I am now working on an MD/MPH from Tufts Medical School and am very excited to spend this next year learning as much as possible about clinical research and cricket in Vellore, India.



Franciosa, Mark, MD
2004-2005

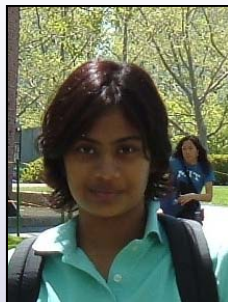
Mark Franciosa is currently a medical resident at Boston Medical Center. He intends to complete an Infectious Disease fellowship and practice medicine in the fields of Infectious Disease and International Health. Mark was born on 6/3/1973 in Easton, Massachusetts (USA). He completed primary and secondary school in Easton and later attended Boston University where he obtained a Bachelors degree in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (1996). Mark also completed a Masters degree in Microbiology (2000) at Northeastern University. His Masters thesis focused on finding genes that allow *Mycobacterium avium* to evade destruction by the immune system. Mark then completed a Medical Doctorate (2006) at Boston University School of Medicine. During his medical education, he helped to develop a directly observed treatment program (DOTS) for treating tuberculosis in rural Ecuador. Also, he participated in the Fogarty Ellison Fellowship and conducted research involving nutrient supplementation in HIV and TB patients as well as assisted in developing a rapid test for diagnosing Dengue Fever.



Firth, Jacqueline, MD, MPH
2004-2005

Jacque Firth was born in Dallas, Texas but migrated to Philadelphia at an early age and attended Mt. St. Joseph Academy before heading to Georgetown for her undergraduate degree in history with a minor in French. For her medical studies she moved to New Orleans in order to get her medical and public health degrees simultaneously at Tulane. After completing her third year, she was fortunate enough to receive a Fogarty Ellison Fellowship to work at the Tufts/Brown-sponsored site at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. Her projects focused on the seroprevalence of HIV among pregnant women, and methods of preventing water contamination in a rural Indian village. She was then unfortunate enough to witness the two biggest waterborne disasters of the century first-hand, first in Sri Lanka, then back home in her beloved New Orleans. After convincing the administration at Brown that her presence in a coastal city doesn't actually guarantee its destruction, she is very excited to start her medicine/pediatrics residency there in June 2006. She is interested in a career in international public health, with a particular focus on HIV and plans to continue working with her mentors at Brown and in India throughout residency.

Alumni



Gopal, Srila
2004-2005
MD candidate
Christian Medical College

I am Srila , doing my final year of med school at Christian Medical College ,Vellore , India . My academic interests include Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Community Medicine. I am currently working on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the study of water and sanitation practices in rural southern India. I love Sanskrit and try catching up on it when I am not all caught up in the midst of the tiring med school routine , I also love reading and traveling.



Satyhakumar, Kirthi
2005-2006
MD candidate
Christian Medical College

I was born in the Christian Medical College, Vellore in 1986 completely oblivious that one day I would be right there furthering my career plans and priorities involved therein. I am now a second year medical student in the said college and am taking up research opportunities as they come along. I started my first research project in my first year and have an 'almost' published abstract in pharmacology along with a fellow student. My project involved the action of immunosuppressant drugs against potent cholinomimetics on bronchial reactivity. My fields of interest include community health, pharmacodynamics, molecular biology, infectious/non infectious disease control and making the world a healthier place to live in

Kenya

University of Nairobi
PI: King Holmes, MD., PhD.
Co-PI: Carey Farquhar, MD, MPH
University of Washington
Harborview Medical Center



Beard, Jessica
2006-2007
MD candidate
Yale School of Medicine

Jessica is from Houston, Texas and she graduated from Lamar High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma. As a high school student with the American Field Service, Jessica lived in Accra, Ghana with a host family and worked in a foster home for street children. This defining experience initiated and has continued to shape her current interest in international community-building. She graduated from Columbia University in 2003, where she majored in English Literature with a focus on the works of James Joyce. She studied Swahili at Columbia as well as at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania through the Fullbright-Hays Swahili Group Project Abroad. Jessica was named a Goldman Sachs Global Leader as a college junior. She is currently completing her third year at Yale School of Medicine. In 2004, she received the Wilbur Downs Fellowship to research child refugee mental health in Kakuma Refugee Camp in northwest Kenya. Her current medical interests are varied, ranging from infectious disease and pediatrics to plastic surgery and the psychosocial aspects of health and disease.



Ndegwa, Serah Wanjiru, MBChB
2006-2007

Serah is the only girl in a family of loving parents and two younger brothers. She was raised partly in Logan, Utah and the rest in Nairobi, Kenya. As an asthmatic young child often in and out of the ER, she decided to become a doctor and achieved her dream in 2005 when she graduated with an MBChB Degree from the University of Nairobi. She recently completed her year of internship and is currently working in a private pediatric hospital. Her passion for children, women and reproductive health has lead her on various public health missions in rural Kenya. She hopes to go into the field of OB/GYN and in the near future affect people on a global scale through fruitful research.

Alumni



Kinuthia, John, MBChB
2005-2006

I was born and brought up in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. I had both my undergraduate and postgraduate training at the University of Nairobi. I am married with two children, a boy and girl. My wife is a mathematics teacher. Currently, I am working as a specialist Obstetrician/Gynaecologist at Kenyatta National Hospital. This is the largest teaching and referral hospital in East and Central Africa. I am also an honorary lecturer at the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Nairobi. My research interest is in prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS and I am participating in clinical as well as staff training programmes within the hospital. I am involved in two studies on PMTCT issues; the first on antiretrovirals to prevent breast milk HIV and the other on interventions to reduce HIV-1 infections after delivery. I want to focus more on research and public health, and towards this goal I intend to enroll for MPH next year.



Mungai, Anne, MBChB, MPH
2005-2006

I am a 40 year old Kenyan, married with four children. I qualified as a medical doctor (MBChB) in 1990, at the University of Nairobi, and completed my MPH at the same University in 2002, where I received a diploma in management of STIs and HIV/AIDS in 2003. Since September 2003, I have been the Senior Medical Officer in-charge of the Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care Center at the hospital. My vision is to conduct Clinical research especially in the field of HIV/AIDS. I believe that the Fogarty/Ellison Fellowship will take me a major milestone towards achieving my goal.



Njogu, Norman Kiiru, MBChB
2004-2005

Dr. Norman Kiiru Njogu is the Senior House Officer at Kenyatta National Hospital in Kenya. In 2000, Dr. Njogu received his MBChB from the University of Nairobi. He is carrying out his residency in OB/GYN in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Nairobi, where he has been since 2003. He is also currently a Research Assistant on the WHO Preeclampsia Study in Aga Khan Hospital. In February 2006, he had the opportunity to present his work titled "WHO Study on Predictive ability of angiogenic factors in Preeclampsia: A multicentre Study" at the Annual Scientific Conference for the Kenya Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. Also in February he presented "Evidence Based Strategies in Prevention and Treatment of Preeclampsia" at the Aga Khan University Hospital. As a Fogarty/Ellison Fellow his project was on sexual behavior, fertility desires and contraception among HIV Positive women at the Kenyatta National Hospital Comprehensive Clinic.



Page, Cameron
2005-2006
MD candidate
Yale School of Medicine

I graduated from Georgetown University in 1997 with the intention of becoming President of the United States. Three years later, after failing to achieve this goal, I decided to go to medical school. During my time in Washington, DC, I worked as a legislative assistant for Senator Herbert Kohl, writing responses to constituent mail and researching domestic policy issues. I did advocacy work for the Deafness Research Foundation, which included designing a pamphlet on the importance of newborn hearing screening for parents. I also worked for eight months in Thailand and China for Operation Smile, which performs free cleft lip and palate surgeries for children in over 20 developing countries. I matriculated at the Yale School of Medicine in 2002, and left the next summer for Bamako, Mali to study Group A Strep. I received a Lindsay fellowship from Yale to continue this Group A Strep research in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo in 2004. I live in New Haven, CT, which is a perfectly nice place thank you very much.



Reddy, Ashok
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of Washington

I was born in Philadelphia, PA to immigrant South Asian parents, most of my childhood was spent in eastern Washington. I attended Emory University in Atlanta and graduated with a degree in Anthropology/Human Biology. After graduation in 2000, I began working for Partners in Health in Boston. With the Prevention and Access to Care and Treatment (PACT) project, I worked with community health activists to help identify and address failures of HIV care among the urban poor. After working in Boston, I started medical school at University of Washington in 2002. In the summer between 1st and 2nd year, I worked on development of antiretroviral treatment programs in Nairobi, Kenya. With the NIH/Ellison fellowship, I will be returning to Nairobi to conduct clinical research on adherence to antiretroviral medications.



Selig, Sara , MD
2004-2005

I grew up in Denver, Colorado and spent a lot of time exploring the Rocky Mountains. Since high school, I have been interested in international health. I explored this interest in a year spent in the Middle East between high school and college. I then attended Oberlin College where I studied Neuroscience and Middle Eastern Studies. During college, I spent a semester in Zimbabwe where I engaged in fieldwork and academic studies as well as an internship with the Zimbabwean Ministry of Health. While in college, I had the opportunity to pursue an internship in Egypt in which I worked with a USAID funded initiative, "Healthy Mother/Healthy Child." After college, I received a Post-Baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award from the NIH and moved to D.C. to begin exploring the field of HIV research in the Laboratory of Immunoregulation in NIAID. After 2 years in D.C., I moved back to Colorado to start medical school at the University of Colorado. As a recipient of the Fogarty-Ellison Fellowship, I was fortunate to go to Kenya where I worked on a research project characterizing the immune responses to childhood measles and tetanus vaccines among a cohort of HIV-1 infected Kenyan children pre and post exposure to highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART). Now back in medical school, I am currently applying to internal medicine residency programs and hope to pursue a career in international health with a focus on public health and public health policy.

Mali

University of Bamako—Malaria Research & Training Center

PI: Christopher V. Plowe, MD, MPH

University of Maryland—School of Medicine

Center for Vaccine Development

Alumni



Assadou, Mahamadoun Hamady, MD
2005-2006

I am a physician and associate investigator in the malaria research and training center, with an emphasis on vaccine trials. Presently, I am involved with a phase I malaria vaccine trial (AMA1- C1) in Donegoubougou (a good malaria vaccine testing site), Mali. I have been involved with malaria epidemiological studies from 1999 to 2003.



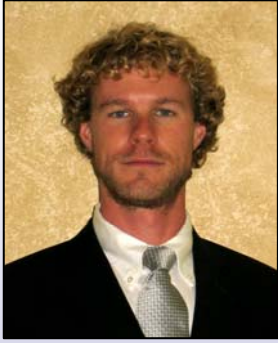
Conard, Craig J.
2005-2006
MD candidate
Tulane University

I was born in Livingston, MT in 1976 to 2 pseudo-hippies from Cleveland, OH, and rural Illinois. I lived there for about 5 years, and then moved to Cleveland, where I spent my "formative" years. I was a very gung-ho Pre-Med, so I went shopping for colleges that had a good pre-med program. I found a great fit at Hamilton College in upstate NY. After my Freshman year, I realized I wanted to travel and see the world, so I decided to major in Spanish. I spent half of my Junior year in Madrid, Spain, mastering the language and I guess finding myself. My Senior year, I heard about a program through the Peace Corps called the Masters Internationalist program whereby you spent a year doing course work toward a Masters in Public Health, and completed a stint in the Peace Corps. I thought it was a perfect match, so I decided to try Cajun country for a year and then spend a few years abroad. Well, I think I either had too many hurricanes on Bourbon St. or they put something in the water because I have called New Orleans home for the past 7 years. I ended up finishing my MPH in International Health and Epidemiology at Tulane University, and then worked for Tulane as an Environmental Epidemiologist for a few years. During my tenure at Tulane, I did get a chance to travel to Cuba and Mexico. After about 2 years at Tulane working 9-to-5, I had a "1/4 life crisis," and realized that I was not fulfilling my dream of being a doctor. I ended up staying at Tulane for medical school, and have never looked back.



Coulibaly, Drissa, MD
2004-2005

I was born in 1969 in Kalédougou, Mali. I got my Medical Doctor degree in 1998 from the Faculty of Medicine Pharmacy and OdontoStomatology, in Bamako, Mali. I'm married and lucky father of one boy and one girl. Since 1995, I do research on malaria. I am co-investigator for various observational cross sectional studies, cohort and case-control studies. I completed my training in epidemiology in Baltimore, at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health Summer Graduate course in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. I have co-authored several papers published in peer-reviewed journals. From 2003 to present, I have conducted in Bandiagara, Mali, two malaria vaccine trials in adult population as clinical coordinator. Currently, I am doing a master degree in medical Parasitology. In addition, I am getting prepared to undertake a pediatric malaria vaccine trial and a case-control study investigating the host genetic factors associated with different susceptibility to severe malaria in Mali.



Nixon, Jason, MD
2004-2005

Dr. Nixon has long been interested in international affairs, and has sought to integrate this focus into his academic and medical careers at every turn. His first introduction to the plight of developing nations came at an early age, when during high school he spent three months teaching English and math at a primary school in rural Kenya. Both fascinated and alarmed by the experiences that he had there, he returned with a new awareness of the wider world. He studied language and cultural studies during his undergraduate years at Duke University, as well as biology in preparation for an eventual career in medicine. During this time, he was fortunate enough to return to Africa twice more, visiting much of North, East and Southern Africa and greatly widening his international perspective. He also worked for Medecins Sans Frontieres during this time, specifically on advocacy campaigns regarding human rights abuses in Sierra Leone and North Korea. Graduating cum laude from Duke University, Dr. Nixon went on to study medicine at the Chicago Medical School. While in Chicago, he helped to lead the International Health Interest Group and was the recipient of a Hubert Humphrey Fellowship from the Centers for Disease Control. He was truly honored to be one of the initial recipients of the National Institute of Health's Fogarty Fellowship, which sent him Mali, West Africa, to participate in a malaria vaccine trial. Dr. Nixon will begin his internship year in Portland, Oregon in June of 2006.

Lima, Peru

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH)

PI: Robert Gilman, MD

Johns Hopkins University

Bloomberg School of Public Health



Gerson Galdos, MD
2006-2007

I am a 29-year-old medical doctor from Arequipa, Peru and I am very happy because I have realized one of my dreams, which is to be a doctor. When I was a child, I always knew that I would become a doctor and now my dream has come true. I always played like I was a doctor and all my cousins were my patients, but now I have real patients. Peru does not have many funds for investigations; this is a very important problem, and for this reason, we (the students and doctors from Peru) do not have many opportunities to follow research programs. This course is an excellent chance to discover research opportunities and to develop my skills. I like scientific investigation very much and I really want to define what I will do in the future, to choose research or explore other topics in medicine.



Julio Lanfranco, MD
2006-2007

I'm a 28 years old medical doctor from Lima Peru. I graduated in 2005 from at Cayetano Heredia University. Currently, I'm working as medical researcher at Prisma (non governmental organization)- UPCH and as an MD with the fire department. I have worked as invited professor at the embriology course at Cayetano Heredia University from 2002 to 2005 and as a Teacher Assistant at the Gorgas Course in clinical tropical medicine on 2002. I think research is a good way of helping developing countries because it allows investment and because developing countries don't have many funds for research. This course is an excellent opportunity to improve our knowledge and skills, letting us share with others, in the future, the things we learned. I would like to do internal medicine in the future and probably a fellow in GI or Infectious Disease



Reddy, Krishna
2006-2007
MD candidate
Harvard Medical School

I'm very excited to be spending the upcoming year in Peru. I grew up in Clinton, New Jersey (in the farmlands of NJ – yes, they do exist) and went to college at the University of Pennsylvania, where I majored in economics. After college, I stayed in Philadelphia to do basic science research and then spent a year in Alicante, Spain doing basic neuroscience/electrophysiology research, learning to dance Cuban salsa, and shifting most of my daily activities to about 2 hours later than usual. After my first year of medical school, I was in Buenos Aires, Argentina for two months studying tuberculosis. I have not yet decided on a specific field within medicine, but I would like to make research abroad a key part of my career. In addition to my love of traveling, I enjoy running, cooking, and trivia on both classic rock and cheesy 80s music.



Walker, Paul
2006-2007
MD candidate
Yale University School of Medicine

Paul C. Walker is currently a medical student at Yale University. After completing a two year mission for the LDS church in Venezuela he received his Bachelors of Arts degree in Biology from the University of Utah in 2003. His research experience includes investigating proteins that function at the synapse under Dr. Kendal Broadie at the University of Utah. While at Yale Medical School he worked with Dr. Jason Kim to use a novel technique to study in vivo glucose metabolism in a mouse model. He has presented posters of his work at the American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. During medical school he has served as the student representative for the American Medical Association student chapter and has been involved in attending regional and national meetings as a Connecticut State Representative.

Alumni



Bowman, Nalalie, MS
2004-2005
MD candidate
Columbia College

I grew up in North Carolina, but went north for college to attend Harvard. After graduating, I worked in a cardiovascular lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, then moved to Cambridge, England for a year to do a master's degree in biochemistry, where I studied the biosynthesis of avermectin and erythromycin. I am now a medical student at Columbia College of Physician's and Surgeons in New York. From July 2004 to July 2005, I was a Fogarty/Ellison fellow at the Peru-Johns Hopkins site, and I stayed on until May 2006 as a CDC Foundation OC Hubert Fellow and under an NIH training grant. While in Peru, my main research topic was the epidemiology of Chagas disease in Arequipa, Peru's second largest city, located in the southern mountains. My study involved a serosurvey of more than 1500 children attending public schools in a part of the city that had recently been targeted for vector control by the Arequipa Ministry of Health. We are now conducting a nested case-control study in that population looking for risk factors for infection and for early electrocardiographic changes and autonomic dysfunction. After medical school, I will pursue a residency in internal medicine or Med/Peds, followed by an Infectious Diseases fellowship.



DeLea, Suzanne, MD
2004-2005

My undergraduate years were spent at Colby College with a degree in Biology and Art. While there, I created a weekly health column for the College's newspaper and did research in Kenya, Italy, and China. In New Mexico, I then worked in biomedical research for five years under C. Richard Lyons, MD, PhD developing genetic vaccines for *B. anthracis*, *Y. pestis*, *M. tuberculosis*. I became certified in HIV test counseling through the NM Department of Health and did further scientific research in rural Nigeria. I entered medical school in 2001 at the UNM School of Medicine. During my first three years, I became president of the International Health Interest Group and presented my scholarly research project at the WMSFR conference in Carmel, CA. I became a 2004 NIH Fogarty Fellow stationed in Lima, Peru under the mentorship of Robert Gilman, MD, MPH of Johns Hopkins University. I spent the year studying the effects of alcohol and drugs on sexual behavior patterns in young adults living in a shantytown. I am currently completing the project manuscript for publication. I will continue training in Internal Medicine at the UNM Hospital with goals of a career in public and international health.



Donroe, Joseph Anthony
2005-2006
MD/MPH candidate
Tufts University

After graduating from Tufts University in 1998 with a BS in biology, I spent the next three years working and living abroad. I spent time in the Philippines, Tanzania, and much of Latin America including Guatemala, Ecuador, Cuba, Honduras, Chile, Brazil, and El Salvador. In 2001, I returned to Tufts University and began in the combined medical and public health degree program. Upon completing my first clerkship year, I decided to return to Latin America for a one-year field experience working in public health. I worked in Lima, Peru and carried out a sports intervention designed to address mental health problems in orphaned children. My main field of interest is children's health in poorer countries. I enjoy fly-fishing, surfing, horseback riding, rock climbing, and camping.



Griffen, Anne MaryJo
2005-2006
MD/MPH candidate
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

I am from Oceanside, NY. I graduated in 2001 from Princeton with a BA in English, and minors in Italian and Music Performance. Before medical school, I studied the Italian system of organ transplantation through a Public Health Fulbright in Sicily. I help run RAFIKI Foundation, a nonprofit that supports a school and clinic in Nairobi. I am an MD-MPH candidate at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in NYC.



Herrera, Phabiola, MD
2004-2005

Doctor Herrera received her medical degree with a major in surgery at the Cayetano Heredia University in Lima, Peru. Dr. Herrera is currently a medical researcher at PRISMA, one of most important NGOs in Peru. Her current work includes the study of the intrafamilial transmission of *Helicobacter pylori*, the Peruvian genetic characterization of *Helicobacter pylori*, the genotypes of *Helicobacter* related to gastric cancer and alcohol consumption, and drugs and risky sexual behavior among young adults from a Peruvian shantytown. Dr. Herrera's research expertise also includes the study of obsessive-compulsive symptoms in schizophrenia during treatment with clozapine and classic antipsychotic drugs; alcohol abuse and nicotine dependence in schizophrenia during treatment with clozapine and classic antipsychotic drugs; and, the prevalence of sexual dysfunction in patients with major depression during treatment with antidepressants. Dr. Herrera has also worked studying the relationship between the first episode of schizophrenia and viral infections, and the use of natu-



Sherman, Jonathan
2005-2006
MD candidate
Mayo Medical School

I am a third year student from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota. I grew up in Chicago, IL. I went to college at the University of Wisconsin – Madison where I studied chemical engineering, biochemistry, and music performance. There, I met my wife Zoe. I played the euphonium (tenor tuba) and trombone professionally for a year in Wisconsin and Illinois, went broke, and became a high school teacher. I worked as a math and science instructor at Messmer Catholic High School in inner-city Milwaukee, WI. I learned about inner-city health care problems as a full time volunteer for a free medical clinic on the North side of Milwaukee, and I decided to head to Rochester and study medicine. I am interested in pediatrics and inner-city medicine



Soto, Giselle, MD
2005-2006

I am a physician in Peru. I went to medical school here in Peru and afterwards have had the good luck to be able to attend workshops and seminars at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. I have several publications related to various infectious (non-AIDS) diseases. I look forward to the orientation at NIH and then the next year working with the FIC/Ellison program and especially with my U.S. counterpart fellow



Tapia, Martin, MD
2005-2006

I'm a physician in Lima, Peru, graduated from Cayetano University 1.5 years ago. Since then, I've been doing clinical research on *H. pylori* and gastric cancer under the guidance of Dr. Robert Gilman, professor of Johns Hopkins. While I was doing that I took the USMLE exams, since I want to come to the US next year for the Internal Medicine Residency. At a personal level, I like to do all sorts of sports but mainly water sports.

Lima, Peru

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH)
School of Public Health Impacta
PI: King Holmes, MD., PhD.
Co-PI: Joseph Zunt, MD., MPH
University of Washington
Harborview Medical Center



Alva López, Isaac Efraín, MD
2006-2007

Isaac E. Alva, MD, is a primary care physician and research associate at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH) School of Public Health. Dr. Alva is interested in the role of the Internet as a medium to do HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) prevention in resource-constrained settings. He has conducted a study about the Risks and Benefits of the Internet use in people living with HIV and currently, is co-investigator of a Web-based study to assess sexual risk behaviors for HIV and STIs among men who have sex with men in Peru. He received his MD degree from the UPCH School of Medicine in 2004. His clinic experience includes work with the Peruvian NGO, Via Libre, providing counseling and treatment for STIs.



Christina Tara Khan, PhD
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Illinois College of Medicine

Christina was born to Guyanese parents in Texas and grew up in southern New Jersey. She has no lingering ties to Texas. She has two siblings and attributes her love for creativity to being an identical twin. Christina studied chemistry, biology, Latin American studies, a cappella, and tap dance at Cornell University before making the bold decision to become a Mid-westerner for the next decade of her life. She is currently a fourth-year medical student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is both astounded and perplexed by her new-found love: surgery. Having spent several years working on a PhD in Community Health, Christina always envisioned herself tackling prevention-related issues as a primary care physician. Nowadays, although she still strongly upholds the value of prevention, she has taken to the way of the knife. The new challenge she therefore faces is how to combine her career interests without putting herself out of a job. Apart from work, Christina enjoys dance and music of most forms, learning new languages, international travel, and the company of open-minded people who take time to listen. In her time away from these hobbies, Christina does public health research and takes care of patients in a variety of settings. She looks forward to what promises to be an exciting year ahead in Lima, Peru.



Martínez Esteban, Peggy C., MD
2006-2007

I am a Neurologist working in the Clinical Neurophysiology Department at the Institute of Neurological Sciences in Lima-Peru, the national reference center of Neurology in Peru, a place that currently received patients coming from all over the country. I went to Memphis, Tennessee as an observer-trainee in the Electromyography and Neuromuscular Diseases Unit at the Methodist Hospital during my second year of residency in September 2000. At the present, I am a member of the National Society of Neurophysiology and also, member of the American Academy of Neurology. I had finished the Magister in Neurosciences at the National University of San Marcos after two years of training (2003-2004). In addition, I am working as an invited professor in the Neuroanatomy, Neuroscience and Clinical Neurology fields at the Peruvian University of Cayetano Heredia. Finally, it is important to point out that my actual clinical experience is not only in the neurophysiology field, but also in the outpatient clinic or during on calls, where I have the opportunity to attend patients with infectious diseases with neurologic complications.



Rager, Christina
2006-2007
MD Candidate
SUNY Downstate College of Medicine

My name is Christina Rager and I am currently a third year medical student at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, located in Brooklyn, NY. Prior to medical school, I earned my BS in Biochemistry from SUNY Stony Brook, and was involved in radiation biology research nearby at Brookhaven National Lab. I also took a year in between to work full-time in a breast cancer research lab at the VA Medical Center in Albany. While in medical school, I had the opportunity to participate in international medical volunteer work in Calcutta, India. My experience in India solidified my passion for international medicine. With my research background and desire to be involved in work overseas, I hope to pursue a career that encompasses these interests.

Alumni



Blas, Magaly, MD, MPH
2004-2005

Magaly Blas, MD, MPHc is an associate researcher at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH) School of Public Health and senior fellow trainee in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. Dr. Blas has been involved mainly in research studies related to Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), she has been a fellow in the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine clinical trial, and a research assistant in a Community Randomized Study for STI prevention in Peru. Currently, she is interested in the role of the Internet as a medium to do HIV/STI prevention in Peru, she has done a study about the risks and benefits of the Internet use in people living with HIV and she is finishing the conduction of a Web-based survey about risk factors for HIV/STI among Men who have Sex with Men in Peru. She received her MD degree from the UPCH in 2002 and currently is finishing her Master in Public Health at the University of Washington. Her clinical experience includes work with the Peruvian NGO, Via Libre, providing counseling and treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections.



Felicia Chow
2005-2006
MD candidate
Johns Hopkins University

I have just completed my third year of medical school at Johns Hopkins and am interested in infectious disease and neurology. Although my family still lives in the Shenandoah Valley in western Virginia where I grew up, I am hoping to scheme my way back to New York for residency. While in Peru next year, I will miss most of all my French cat, Haricot Vert, and hope that he remembers me when I return.



Hsieh, Evelyn, MD, MPH
2004-2005

After graduating with a degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton University in 1999, I spent a year working at the Harvard AIDS Institute as an education and research assistant where my work focused on HIV/AIDS in women and minority populations in the United States. In 2000 I started medical school at Stony Brook School of Medicine. During this time I developed an interest in international health, spending a summer in Lima, Peru examining the relationship between altitude and PPD seropositivity. I took a leave of absence between my third and fourth year of medical school to pursue an MPH in Family and Community Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. My Master's practicum entailed development of a reproductive health outreach program for Haitian women seeking services at the Boston Medical Center. Upon completion of my MPH, I participated in the FIC/Ellison Foundation Global Health and Clinical Research fellowship, studying sexually transmitted diseases and HIV in migrant female sex worker populations in Lima, Peru. I graduated from medical school this May, and will spend the upcoming year as a senior research fellow at the University of Washington while applying for a residency position in Internal Medical-Pediatrics for the following year



Mejía, Carolina, MPH
2005-2006
PhD candidate
University of Washington

My personal experiences as a Nicaraguan immigrant living in the U.S. and my short-term experiences working abroad have led me to want to confront the challenges in health care delivery and the complex relationship between culture, language, economics, politics, and health outcomes of patients. Prior to starting the MPH Program at the University of Washington (UW) in 2000, I worked as a research assistant/analyst for at the American Institutes for Research (1995-1998) and at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (1998-2000). At both institutions, I worked on developing interventions for minority and underserved populations around HIV and other STDs, asthma, and chronic health conditions. During my studies at UW, I have worked on few domestics and international STD/HIV research projects. Currently, I am working part-time at Battelle, Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation (CPHRE) conducting data analysis from a community intervention to reduce HIV/STD risk in 32 communities in Zimbabwe. I plan to focus my dissertation research on factors associated with increased risk of STIs/HIV among female sex workers in Peru. After graduating with a doctoral degree, I plan to design and conduct independent research and build an area of expertise in STDs/HIV prevention and women's health in Latin America.



Núñez Cabrera, Mirtha, MS
2005-2006

I am licensed in midwife with a master's degree in "Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health." I received my master's degree from the School of Public Health and Administration at "Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia." I was awarded the "Bárbara Ann Kotowski de Tejada" for my master's thesis project on the acceptability of the female condom among male clients in brothels. I have three years of professional experience in investigating the topic of sexual and reproductive health in women and teenagers. Also, I have experience working on different public health interventions and social and behavioral projects. Recently, I have worked as a coordinator in the following project: "Strengthening the prevention and control of the AIDS and Tuberculosis in Peru." I specifically work on a component for promoting healthy behaviors for teenagers and young adults to prevent STDs/HIV." This intervention is taking place in seven cities in Peru and will conclude in November 2005.



Rozas LaTorre, Marizabel, MD
2005-2006

I am a Peruvian physician, born in Cusco (the Capital of the Inca's Empire) and studied at the Universidad Nacional San Antonio Abad Medical School in Cusco. I am now finishing my residency in Neurology in Lima. My interest is CNS infectious diseases and epidemiology.

St. Petersburg, Russia

The Biomedical Center
PI: Robert Heimer, PhD.
Yale University
School of Public Health



Davidson, AuTumn
2006-2007
MD candidate
Brown Medical School

I grew up in Silverton, Oregon, a tiny town not too far from Portland, and went to college in New York City at Columbia University, where I spent four years studying political science and history. After graduating, I completed a pre-med post-bac curriculum and started the Dartmouth – Brown Medical school program one year later. Having completed my pre-clinical years at Dartmouth, I am now in my third year of medical school at Brown University. I have been fortunate to have spent significant time living and working abroad, and I hope to be able to continue this throughout my professional life. I am hoping to go into OB-GYN, with the ultimate goal of a career involved with international reproductive health. I am thrilled with the opportunity to spend a year as a Fogarty fellow in St. Petersburg, Russia and very much look forward to getting to know the rest of the fellows over the next several months.



Tolstov, Yanis, MSc.
2006-2007
PhD candidate
St. Petersburg State University

Yanis Tolstov received his BS in Biology in 1998 and his M.Sc. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in 2000 from the St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Biochemistry and Microbiology. He completed his pre-doctoral research training in the Laboratory of Molecular Epidemiology, Yale University, USA (2001-2003) in Molecular Epidemiology. Yanis Tolstov has worked for the Laboratory of Intracellular Regulation, Research Institute of Physiology, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia. In 2003 he began at the Biomedical Center in St. Petersburg, as an investigator and is now a Senior Investigator. He is currently the project coordinator for the project titled “The study of hepatitis C and B prevalence among injection drug users in St. Petersburg.”

Alumni



Gorlinsky, Alexey, MS
2005-2006

I was born on January 25, 1982 in Saint Petersburg, Russia and graduated from secondary school in 1999, studying intensive English. In 1999, I entered Saint Petersburg State University, School of International Relations and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 in Regionalistics, European Studies. My thesis was titled *The regional politics and the international political cooperation in the struggle against global epidemics on the example of HIV/AIDS*. In 2002, I was given an additional qualification – Interpreter (from English into Russian and vice-versa) in the field of the professional communication. In 2003, I began working in the Biomedical Center, St. Petersburg, Russia as a manager. In 2005, I got a master's degree in Regionalistics. This thesis was titled *The policy of the European Union in the struggle against global epidemics on the example of HIV/AIDS*. I have two publications and have had the experience of participating in international conferences related to this area of study.



Kruse, Gina, MS
2005-2006
MD candidate
Baylor College of Medicine

I am an M.D. candidate at Baylor College of Medicine scheduled for graduation in 2007. As part of my medical education, I am participating in Baylor's International Health Track, which took me to St. Petersburg and Moscow in January. In addition, the track enables me to fulfill the requirements for the Certificate of Knowledge in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health. I earned a B.S. in Animal Science with honors and distinction from Iowa State University in 2000. My own rural upbringing in Colorado developed my interest in access to health services for people in remote areas. While exploring these issues in West Texas, I earned a Master's of Science in Health Services Research from Texas Tech University. My interests include HIV prevention, health services for HIV patients, and the epidemiology of zoonotic diseases. I plan to pursue a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases.

Durban, South Africa

University of Natal
HIV/AIDS Networking Centre
PI: Salim S. Abdool Karim, MBChB
Co-PI: Alan Berkman, MD
Columbia University



Govender, Devina, MBChB
2006-2007

My name is Devina Govender, I am a medical doctor by profession. I completed my studies at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine in 2003. I completed my internship and community service at 2 large state hospitals where I encountered large numbers of HIV positive patients, the majority of whom presented with full blown AIDS or very late in the disease progression, without having started antiretrovirals. I decided to join an NGO, CAPRISA, to try and contribute to alleviating the burden earlier and better, as government antiretroviral rollout is at present very slow. At present I am a research fellow, seeing and providing HIV positive patients with antiretrovirals twice a week at our rural facility, Vulindlela. I am conducting a mortality study with regards to drug induced toxicity to ascertain which regimen better suits our patient population and to identify easy algorithms for nurses to recognize potentially lethal signs and symptoms of drug induced toxicity. I also see patients at our city facility in preparation for the tenofvir microbicide trial. My intention is to find ways of ameliorating the devastating impact HIV on our communities and people. I look forward to learning more at NIH to this end. Thank you for the opportunity.



Hudspeth, James
2006-2007
MD candidate
Washington University School of Medicine

James Hudspeth was born in California, raised in Dallas, and polished to a silvery sheen in New York City, where he also completed his undergraduate at Columbia College. Currently, enrolled in Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, he suspects that he will tread the path of internal medicine and international health, possibly with some policy or public health mixed in. He greatly looks forward to a return to South Africa, where he has previously done research on the ARV rollout in 2003, and to a year learning the practicalities of international health and clinical research. When not working, he enjoys a number of pastimes, including rockclimbing, capoeira, yoga, writing, freestyling (poorly), and consuming media in a variety of formats (particular cinematic and bound book). He anticipates that learning Zulu will soon join the list, and hopes it comes as naturally as writing in the third person.



Sibeko is a specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist who is currently a post-doctoral fellowship trainee at CAPRISA under the mentorship of Prof. Quarraisha Abdool Karim. She qualified as an Obstetrician at the end of last year, 2005. Having worked in an obstetric unit with HIV seropositive rates estimated to be at 40%, she developed an interest in understanding the evolving HIV epidemic in South Africa with particular reference to factors influencing acquisition of HIV infection in women; and subsequently developing sustainable strategies to prevent transmission or infection which is currently understood to be mainly via the heterosexual route. At CAPRISA, she is involved and working in the Woman and AIDS Research programme which is also under the leadership of Prof. Quarraisha. This programme aims to do research towards understanding the evolving HIV epidemic in South Africa; factors influencing acquisition of HIV infection in adolescent girls; and sustainable strategies to introduce HAART in resource-constrained settings. This unit will also be undertaking a microbicide trial which she is involved in as a clinician. She is passionate about clinical work. However, plans to spend a considerable period of her career in an academic institution. She realised that her career as an academic would not be complete without substantial scientific foundation required to succeed in this field.

Sibeko, Sengeziwe, MBChB, FCOG
2006-2007
Ph.D candidate

Alumni



Bebell, Lisa
2005-2006
MD candidate
Columbia University

Originally from Colorado, I first took an interest in other places at the age of 10, when we took a family trip to Mexico. I ate some bad shrimp, stepped on a jellyfish and limped the rest of the vacation. I was hooked. Since then I have been privileged to travel and live in a great many places—mostly by car (although I admit I did have to take a flight to Australia). Having just finished my 3rd year in medical school at Columbia in New York, I am thrilled to be leaving Manhattan for the first time in three years, and no less to be a part of the Fogarty. After I come back, I hope to spend most of my 4th year doing ID work in other parts of the world and learning a little bit of public health.



Johnson, Daniel
2004-2005

I was raised in the Washington DC area and graduated from Haverford College with a BS in chemistry in 1996. After finishing undergraduate I worked as a medicinal chemist at a biotech company for a year and a half and decided that chemistry wasn't what I was looking for. So I quit my job and went off to Northeastern Brazil for 3 months to travel and learn Portuguese. After that, I returned to the states where I worked as a secretary at the World Bank for several months while trying to figure out 1) what to do with my life, and 2) how to get back to Brazil. I saw medicine as a good way to combine my interests in science and international issues, and decided to try it out by spending two months with a doctor in the rural Brazilian interior. After getting back from Brazil the second time, I worked at NIAID on a dengue vaccine development project until starting Tulane's MD/MPH program with a concentration in International Health and Development. At Tulane, I became increasingly interested in issues surrounding HIV/AIDS in the developing world. I was very excited to be accepted into the Fogarty-Ellison program at the CAPRISA/Durban site, where I treated patients and coordinated the implementation and outcomes of a free antiretroviral treatment provision program for patients in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. I'm doing my residency at Emory in Internal Medicine. I intend to specialize in the infectious disease after my residency, and would like to continue to work in the medical aspect of international development.



Edwards, David, MD, MPH
2004-2005

David grew up in Albuquerque and stayed to attend the University of New Mexico where he earned BS degrees in Biology and Psychology. His first experience in international health was in Calcutta in Mother Teresa's clinics and hospices after his freshman year. While attending Duke University School of Medicine, he also completed the MPH program in Epidemiology at UNC Chapel Hill. His research took him to the Kinshasa, DRC, where he worked on diagnostic issues surrounding pediatric tuberculosis and HIV. His research has been presented at the Global Health Council meeting, the ICAAC conference, the IUATLD meeting (Paris), and the International AIDS Conference (Bangkok). For his Fogarty/Ellison year, he was involved in the development of a large clinical trial for patients co-infected with HIV and TB and helped to manage an urban clinic that enrolled recent TB patients with HIV infection for free antiretroviral medications. He then spent three months as Global Health Policy Fellow at UNAIDS, Geneva. He has recently married his sweetheart of five years, Megan Morsheimer, who is a medical student at UCLA. He plans to return to South Africa where he will begin a PhD program in HIV and TB clinical studies at the University of Cape Town.



Khan, Munira, MBChB
2004-2005

Dr. Munira Khan lives in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, graduated in 1996 from Neslon R Mandela School of Medicine with Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB). Internship in 1997 at King Edward the Eighth Hospital. Between 1998 and 2000, received Medical Research Council Scholarship to conduct research on tuberculosis and HIV infection in pregnant woman and their newborns. Between 2001 and 2003, collaborated with Oxford University on immunological parameters affecting transmission of tuberculosis and HIV from mother to baby. In 2004, joined CAPRISA and currently works on Anti-retroviral programmes and implication of TB and HIV care.



Terence Moodley, MBChB, completed his medical training at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal's Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. Dr Moodley has worked in the fields of Psychiatry, Orthopaedics and Anaesthetics in the United Kingdom and South Africa before becoming interested in HIV research. Dr Moodley is currently a research clinician at CAPRISA and is part of a team conducting a randomised control trial (*Starting AntiRetroviral Therapy*) to assess the effectiveness of an innovative strategy to provide antiretroviral therapy safely, effectively and with high levels of adherence through the TB directly observed therapy programme. Dr Moodley has also worked as the Clinical Coordinator of the CAPRISA AIDS Treatment (CAT) team in Vulindlela, which aims to put 1000 patients on antiretrovirals in a year. He is currently completing his Masters in Public Health through the School of Family and Public Health Medicine, Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, UKZN.

Moodley, Terrence, MBChB
2004-2005



I am a clinician with extensive experience in clinical infectious disease and in conducting research into interventions related to HIV/AIDS, both in mother-to-child transmission as well as treatment of adult HIV infection. I play an active role in both the PETRA (Pediatric Transmission of AIDS) and the SAINT (South African Intrapartum Nevirapine Trial) studies. I helped to co-found HIV treatment clinics, through which I gained significant experience in the use of antiretroviral agents. I also worked extensively with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the field of HIV/AIDS, including organizing and facilitating voluntary counseling and testing for HIV, as well as training in, and provision of, HIV care. In addition, I was instrumental in the creation of a database of HIV service-providers within the Ethekweni Municipality for use by the mayoral office. I spend much of my time training other healthcare professionals in the management of HIV infection. I am currently employed by CAPRISA - Centre for the AIDS Program of Research in South Africa as a medical manager.

Naidoo, Kogieleum, MD
2005-2006



I have humble origins at Newcastle a small town 350km Northwest of Durban, South Africa. I completed my MBChB at the Nelson R. Mandela School of medicine in 2001. I have worked in urban and rural settings, finding myself attracted to practicing rural medicine. Currently, I am the research clinician in the HAART programme under the auspices of CAPRISA (Centre for the AIDS Programme of Southern Africa). I have also enrolled for medical law with the University of KwaZulu-Natal with greater interest in Bioethics. I am married to Mamello and expecting my first child in Nov 2005. My pastimes are reading current affairs, tennis, football, wildlife, and appreciating beautiful landscapes. My family is at the centre of all I do. I hope to benefit and be able to apply the experience and knowledge shared in this programme (Fogarty/Ellison) to improve or impact positively in other people's lives.

Ntsele, Sibusiso, MBChB
2005-2006



People most know me by the frequently misspelled moniker, Cully. I am lost somewhere between my third and fourth year of medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Originally from Fort Worth, I graduated from Vanderbilt University and returned to Texas for medical school. Assuming if I graduate someday, my plans on a career in internal medicine or emergency medicine, though quite possibly in both. I have worked in HIV/AIDS related issues in South Africa and Tanzania, helped set up a pediatric clinic in rural Guatemala, and studied tropical diseases on the Amazon River in Peru. Within the realm of international health, I have specific interests in disaster relief, treatment of HIV and tuberculosis, and tropical diseases. I enjoy photography, surfing, mountain biking, and listening to good music.

Wiseman, Richard
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of Texas

Pretoria, South Africa

University of Pretoria
Kalafong Hospital
PI: Brian Forsyth, MBChB, FAAP
Yale University
Center for Interdisciplinary Research



Hoehnen, Sarah

2006-2007

MD candidate

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio as the oldest child in a family of four. Although I have enjoyed moving around the country for school, I eventually hope to return to the Cleveland area so that I can spend more time with my family. I pursued undergraduate degrees in neuroscience and psychology at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. While there I worked at Strong Memorial Hospital as a patient care technician. I had the pleasure of working with many different attendings and residents, some of whom were “DO” physicians. After spending a great deal of time with these physicians, I became quite interested in the osteopathic profession. I am currently a student at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and am really enjoying my third year as a Chicagoan. My interest in international medicine piqued after taking a medical mission trip to Cape Flats, South Africa between my first and second years of medical school. I am now looking forward to my next adventure as an FIC/Ellison fellow in Pretoria, South Africa. I can’t wait to get started.



Feucht, Ute, MBChB, FCP

2006-2007

I was born in Pretoria, South Africa in 1971 to German-speaking parents. Our family moved to Stellenbosch, which is situated near Cape Town, in 1981 where I completed my school education. I then studied medicine at the University of Stellenbosch. After this I moved back to Pretoria, where I then started my pediatric specialist training. My husband was then transferred to Germany, and from 1999 to 2001, I worked in the Children’s hospital in Bochum, Germany. After our return, I completed my specialist training in Pretoria in 2003. I am since working as a pediatrician at the Kalafong hospital, where I work in general pediatrics, as well as the HIV outpatient clinic. We implemented the national antiretroviral treatment protocol on the 1st of April 2004, and have since started 350 children on HAART at the clinic. It is my passion to improve the life to children affected by the HIV epidemic in the area that I live in. In my opinion, both clinical work and sound research in locally relevant issues are vital in this regard.

Alumni



Kinzer, Michael, MD, MPH
2004-2005

Mike was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Niger from 1994 to 1997, where he started as a physics teacher then with the collapse of the school system shifted to Guinea Worm Eradication. He discovered there an affinity and ability for public health work in developing country environments. He returned to the US for an MPH degree at Emory University and employment with The Carter Center and the CDC in Atlanta for 3 years, then married fellow PCV Niger and trauma ICU nurse Grace Anne Turner and moved to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt University Medical School, during which time he stood useless and gaping as everyone else in the room helped deliver their daughter, Lily. Between his 3rd and 4th years Mike spent 12 months with Grace Anne and Lily in Pretoria, South Africa as a FEF scholar working on pediatric HIV issues including vaccine efficacy, nutrition, and antiretroviral therapy. He graduated by the skin of his teeth in May of 2006, sold the house, went to India, and will begin his residency in Internal Medicine at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland in June of 2006.



Matji, Joan, MD, MS
2005-2006

I was born in Maseru, Lesotho on September 03, 1967. I obtained my BScHEc degree majoring in dietetics from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Canada in 1989. I completed my MSc. Human Nutrition degree in 1990 from the University of London (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). I have worked for the Government of Lesotho as a Nutrition Programme Manager primarily responsible for community based nutrition projects and management of micronutrient malnutrition. In 1993, I began lecturing in the Department of Human Nutrition at the Medical University of Southern Africa in South Africa. Subsequent to this I worked for the World Health Organisation Lesotho Country Team until 1995, at which time I got married and moved permanently to South Africa. From 1995 to present, I have been contracted as Nutrition Project officer to UNICEF South Africa, where I manage the micronutrient malnutrition programme, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS projects, as well as, community based nutrition interventions in the most rural provinces of South Africa namely Eastern Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Limpopo. From 2004, I have been on sabbatical leave from UNICEF in order to focus on my research interests at the University of Pretoria, where I am currently working on a project on nutritional status and HIV disease progression amongst post-partum sero-positive mothers and their infants



Wolfman, Vanessa, MS
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of Maryland School of Medicine

I have recently completed my third year at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. In 2002, I earned an M.S. in Public Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. From 2000-2002, I served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Léconi, Republic of Gabon, working in the field of community health development, preventive medicine, and maternal and child health. I hold a B.A. in International Relations and Development from Brown University, granted in 1998. Upon completing my medical studies, I intend to pursue a career in pediatrics and infectious disease. As a FIC/Ellison Fellow, I will be working in Pediatric HIV/AIDS in Pretoria, South Africa.

Tanzania

Muhimbili University
College of Health Sciences
PI: Wafaie W Fawzi, MD., PhD., MPH, MSc
Harvard University
School of Public Health



Acosta, Anna Marie

2006-2007

MD candidate

New York University School of Medicine

A native Texan, Anna Acosta attended the University of Iowa, where she received a degree in biology and was a Division I swimmer. After graduation, she began her career as research assistant in laboratories dedicated to the study of cancer immunology and immunotherapy. Her primary interest - the issue of healthcare access - evolved during the three years she volunteered at the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic, where she served as a patient advocate and clinic coordinator. This experience triggered her desire to work with immigrant and underserved communities, and to explore means by which to increase access to quality healthcare. To this end, she is pursuing a medical degree at NYU and hopes to obtain a master's in public health in the future. Prior to medical school, she lived and worked abroad in Madrid, Spain. In addition to foreign travel, she also enjoys baking desserts and watching classic movies.



Mwiru, Ramadhani, MD., MS.

2006-2007

In 2006, Dr. Mwiru received his MS in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health and his medical degree from Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences - University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. His past experience includes Resident medical officer, departments of family medicine, surgery, and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. His research experience consists of assessment of nutritional status and associated factors among under fives in Handeni District, Tanzania –a second year MD fieldwork; determination of the prevalence of geo-helminthes and associated factors among residents of selected villages in Bagamoyo district, Tanzania –a third year MD fieldwork; knowledge, attitude and behavior towards transmission and prevention of HIV/ AIDS among adolescents in Bagamoyo district, Tanzania -fourth year MD fieldwork; age at complementation and associated factors among breastfeeding infants in Iramba district, Tanzania—a fifth year MD elective study. Dr. Mwiru's research interests include infectious diseases particularly HIV/AIDS and conditions affecting maternal and child health. He has received special awards for his work to include a Certificate of academic excellence (Best first year MD final student in anatomy/Histology) and the Fitzgerald's prize – Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences (University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania).

Alumni



Blander, Jeffrey M., MS
2005-2006
PhD candidate
Harvard School of Public Health

Mr. Blander has worked extensively in interfacing academic and commercial investigators to help implement information technology solutions to support drug discovery, clinical genomics research and regulatory approvals. Jeffrey holds teaching positions at Harvard University and MIT and is the current chairman of the Massachusetts Biotech Technology. He has co-authored two books on health care/IT. Recently, Jeffrey served as a country Director for the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative in Jamaica. Jeffrey has two Masters degrees from Harvard University and is pursuing his Doctorate in Health and Social Behavior at the Harvard School of Public Health. Jeffrey also received his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Business School, where he had a triple concentration in Health Care Management, Marketing, and Multi-National Management.



Drain, Paul, MS., MPH
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of Washington

After graduating with a BA in Microbiology from Miami University in Ohio, I worked for two years as a 'Health and Sanitation' volunteer in Morocco, North Africa with the US Peace Corps. I completed a Masters of Public Health Degree in Epidemiology with the International Health Program at the University of Washington in Seattle. During my graduate studies, I conducted infectious disease research among developing countries and coordinated a 3-month research project in Madagascar to assess the introduction of safer immunization syringes. After completing the MPH degree, I worked at the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), an international health NGO, in Seattle. As part of their immunization technology team, I assisted in coordinating field research and developing public health policies to improve injection safety in developing countries. In 2002, I entered University of Washington School of Medicine. While in medical school, I created the school's first course on Tropical Medicine and have served as a board member of the student-run International Health Group. During my first summer, I conducted clinical research on HIV disease progression for three months in Kenya with funding from the Gates Foundation. Recently, I co-founded and became an editor of Global Pulse, a new international health journal created by medical students around the world to promote global health to undergraduate and graduate health science students. After graduating from medical school, I plan to attend an Internal Medicine residency program and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases.



Furaha, August, MD
2005-2006

I am currently a resident in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania. I hope to be a Research Scientist/HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor/Program Manager especially in the area of Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission. My hobbies are basketball and soccer. I am a strong Manchester United Fan, even after the sale.



Makubi, Abel, MSc
2005-2006

I am 29 years old. I am a Tanzanian, currently working as a tutorial assistant at MUCHS in Dar ES Salaam. I am also completing my Masters in Internal Medicine. I have various exposures with research activities starting during my undergraduate training to postgraduate training. I am trained with some aspects of research methodology, epidemiology and Biostatistics. My main interest is to conduct more research with HIV and Anemia and to publish.

Thailand

Chiang Mai University
PI: Christopher Beyrer, MD., MPH.
Johns Hopkins University
Bloomberg School of Public Health



Lee, Benjamin
2006-2007
MD candidate
Case Western Reserve University

Benjamin Lee is a third year medical student and Dean's Scholar at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, OH. He is originally from Denver, CO, and graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Biology from Amherst College in 2001. Prior to matriculating at Case Western in 2003, he worked as a clinical research coordinator in the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Science at National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, CO. As a medical student, he has been actively involved with the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), and served as an AMSA national health policy officer from 2004-2005. His professional interests include public health and access to health care, especially among marginalized populations in developing nations and resource-limited settings. His past international experiences include analyzing natural resource management in Kenya, examining health delivery and access to care in Cuba, and providing community sanitation education in the rural Dominican Republic.



Pimsarn, Parichat, M.D.
2006-2007

I was born on 18 October 1977, in Lampang province, Thailand. I graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand in April 2002 (second class honor). After graduation, I have been studying at the Department of Medicine, Chiang Mai University for the Internal Medicine Residency Training. I will get the Certification for Thai Board of Internal Medicine in May 2006. After that, I will study at the same institute as the Infectious Disease Fellow starting from June 2006. After a 2-year study, I will be the Faculty of the Section of Infectious Disease, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University. I am interested in HIV, other immunodeficiency conditions, and tropical infections.



Utaipat, Utaiwan MSc., PhD
2006-2007

In 2005, Utaipat Utaipat received her Ph.D. training with Dr. Keerti Shah at the W. Harry Feinstone Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology at Chiang Mai University in Thailand. She is currently a Researcher at the Research Institute for Health Sciences (RIHES), Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand where she has been since 1987. She has also been a Guest investigator in the laboratory of Dr. Gilla Kaplan at the Cellular Physiology and Immunology, the Rockefeller University, New York and a Laboratory technician of Leprosy research project at the department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Her professional training consists of a study of HIV resistance mechanism with Dr. Salvatore Butera, Chief Virology Session, at HIV/Retrovirology Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia; training technique in HIV characterization with Dr. Renu B. Lal, Chief Immunology and Virology Session at HIV/Retrovirology Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia; and training technique in HIV isolation in the laboratory of Dr. H.W. Sheppard, and in the laboratory of Dana Gallo, at the state department of health, Berkeley, California.



Wansom, Tanyaporn
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Michigan Medical School

Tanyaporn Wansom is a fourth year Thai-American medical student at University of Michigan. She is the daughter of Dr. Chate and Mrs. Montakarn Wansom of Grosse Ile, Michigan. Following graduation with High Honors from Swarthmore College in 2002, Wansom spent a year in Bangkok as a Fulbright scholar. In Bangkok, Wansom worked at an HIV clinical trial center, served as an HIV testing counselor, and volunteered at grassroots organizations for commercial sex workers. She returned to Thailand in 2005 as an intern with both Thai Drug Users Network and Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group and became interested in issues of human rights and access to essential medicines for marginalized populations. During medical school, Wansom served on the national boards of both the American Medical Student Association and the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, serving in positions that allowed her to advocate for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Wansom will spend summer 2006 in Geneva as a Duke Global Health Fellow. As an intern at the WHO Department of Technical Cooperation for Essential Drugs and Traditional Medicines, she will assist on projects related to intellectual property rights, trade agreements and access to medicines. In her career, Wansom hopes to lead global health research initiatives that are engaged with local communities and speak to the ideals of human rights and social justice.

Alumni



Hyder, Joseph A.
2004-2005
MD/PhD candidate
University of California-San Diego

Mr Hyder is an MD/PhD candidate at the University of California, San Diego. While a fellow with Johns Hopkins University and Chiang Mai University in Thailand, he investigated epidemic shifts in patterns of sexually transmitted infections in the northern Thai population, as well as HIV/AIDS risks and vulnerabilities in Burmese immigrant populations and novel methods for detection of recent HIV infection. His doctoral work evaluated bone integrity as a marker for sub-clinical atherosclerotic disease in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) observational cohort. Mr Hyder has clinical and research experience in chronic and infectious diseases, from the San Diego-Tijuana border to the Thai-Burma border.



Nord, Jo Ellen
2005-2006
MD candidate
Oregon Health & Science University

Jo Nord is a medical student at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. She grew up on a farm in Minnesota, holds a degree in English from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand and later worked in refugee resettlement and emergency relief in Maryland, Somalia, and the Congo. Her homestate is Montana.



Phiyaraj, Phunlerd, MD
2006-2007

I graduated from Phramongkutklao College of Medicine, Thailand in 2003 and a year later, completed my medical internship at Chirapravat Camp Hospital. While I was a medical student, I had a chance to participate in an elective course on "Molecular Characterization of Giardia and Other Enteric Protozoa" at the Division of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. I recently have been working as a lecturer for the Department of Parasitology, Phramongkutklao College of Medicine. I am currently working on the research of "Genotypic characterization of the Intestinal Protozoa; *Giardia intestinalis*, and *Cryptosporidium spp.* Using PCR-RFLP Technique" and working as co-investigator in "Health Evaluation of HIV Infected and Uninfected Thai Men after Discharge from the Royal Thai Army Phase II: The Natural History of HIV-1 Subtype E infections 12 - 15 Years after Seroconversion" I believe that this experience will be a great opportunity for me to work in collaboration with a variety of experts of multi-disciplinary fields. Lastly, I am delighted and honored to be a part of this program.



Sakkhachornphop, Supachai, Msc.
2004-2005

Supachai Sakkhachornphop was born in Suphanburi, Thailand in July 1975. He received his BSc in Medical Technology in 1996 from the Faculty of Associated Medical Sciences, Chiang Mai University. He received a Master of Health Sciences at Chiang Mai University through a grant from The Johns Hopkins University Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP). In 2004, he trained in HIV subtyping at Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Rockville, MD, USA.

Alumni



Samuels, Aaron, MHS
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of Maryland

I spent the formative years of my life in Providence, RI. Always fascinated with Ecology, I went to Duke University and majored in Environmental Studies and Policies with a focus in Tropical Ecology. As part of my coursework, I spent a semester abroad in Belize studying the dynamics of the effects of modernization on the cultural and biological diversity of the country. After graduating, I was hired as a research assistant, and worked in the Amazon Basin of Peru and Bolivia assessing the status and diversity of tracts of rainforest for conservation purposes. While working in these parts, I was exposed to the multiplicity of inequities in the social systems, the most inexcusable disparity being the lack of health care in the rural villages. This led to my interest in public health, and after returning to the states, I matriculated at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and subsequently graduated with an MHS in International Health. While at the School of Public Health, I worked on a study designed to reduce the neonatal mortality in the rural district of Syhlet, Bangladesh. After graduating, I was hired to continue working on the project in Bangladesh, and when my work there was complete, I matriculated to the University of Maryland School of Medicine.



Wongtrakul, Jeerang, PhD, MS
2005-2006

I was born on February 6, 1971, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. I received a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Chiang Mai University in 1993, and then started working as a research assistant at Research Institute for Health Sciences, RIHES. I received a Master of Sciences in Applied Molecular Biology of Infectious Diseases from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK, in 1996. Following graduation, I moved back to RIHES and continued research work in HIV molecular subtyping and HIV-monitoring. In 2003, I gained my Ph.D. degree from Mahidol University in Molecular Genetics & Genetic engineering. I got a research grant from Thailand Research Fund, TRF, to study gene expression and site directed mutagenesis of Glutathione S-transferase enzyme from *An. dirus* which is an important Thai malaria vector. In addition, I have collaborated with other researchers from Chulalongkorn University and Chiang Mai University in studying the effects of HIV-1 subtypes and Vpr variants on the induction of human lymphoblastoid T cells apoptosis.

Uganda

Makerere University
PI: Christopher C. Whalen, MD., MS.
Case Western Reserve University
School of Medicine



I was born and raised in Uganda. I qualified as a medical doctor in 2003, at Makerere University Medical School, Kampala -Uganda and had 1 year of internship at Mulago hospital. After my internship, I worked as a medical officer in an upcountry district hospital Mubende hospital, located about 140km from Kampala, the Capital city. While in Mubende hospital, I attained a certificate in HIV/AIDS care and prevention for Medical doctors in Africa by Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa at Mulago Hospital. I thereafter participated in various HIV/AIDS programs for Mubende district as the acting HIV/AIDS Focal person for the district, including networking HIV /AIDS activities between various HIV organisations within the district. I have since then had special interest in HIV management and research. I am currently a 1st year postgraduate student in Internal Medicine, Makerere University Kampala, Mulago hospital.

Nakiyingi, Lydia, MBChB
2006-2007
PhD candidate
Makerere University



I am a native of Fort Jennings, Ohio, and went to college in Cleveland at Case Western Reserve University. I then moved to Pittsburgh and am currently finishing up my third year of medical school at the University of Pittsburgh. I am hoping to train in med/peds, infectious diseases, and international health. Having spent a bit of time in East Africa, I am greatly looking forward to returning and spending the year as a fellow in Uganda.

Dickman, Katherine "Kate"
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Alumni



Akuete, Kwei
2005-2006
MD candidate
Case Western Reserve University

I was born in Accra, Ghana, on April 16th 1979. Due to the *coup d'etat* in 1982 my family was forced to flee Ghana. We subsequently found a home in Hyattsville, Maryland. At Groton, I met people from around the world and learned about different cultures and new perspectives of global problems while expanding my educational horizons. My experience at Groton, coupled with my Ghanaian heritage was the foundation for one of my current interest, International Health. While enrolled at Brown University, I majored in Economics. Upon graduating, I took a year off and worked as an Academic Counselor at Prep for Prep. Afterwards, I matriculated into Case School of Medicine. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to participate in programs such as HIV Intervention Prevention (HIP) Corp; volunteer as a tutor at the Broadway boys and girls club and the Free Clinic of Cleveland Ohio; and construct a health promotion series for the city mission. These experiences have sparked my interest in the fields of Infectious Disease as well as Asthma Allergy & Immunology.



Baker, Bonnie, MD
2004-2005

I was raised in Monroe, a small town near Athens, Georgia. I attended college at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. After graduation, I traveled to Chile, where I volunteered with Outreach International on an environmental education project on the southern island of Chiloé and a construction project at a desert agricultural school in the Atacama Desert. I then worked on ecology research for three years, first in ecosystem nutrient cycling in southern Chile and later in Lyme disease ecology in upstate New York. After later working as a research and nursing assistant in a cardiology practice in Atlanta, I attended medical school at the University of Rochester. I traveled to Ecuador during the summer of 2002, where I rotated through four different hospitals and conducted a research project on contraceptive use and availability. During my Fogarty year at Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, my research involved identifying clinical, laboratory and radiographic factors associated with low CD4 counts in HIV-infected patients who present with pulmonary tuberculosis. I am currently a first year resident in internal medicine at the University of Washington. After residency, I plan to pursue an Infectious Diseases fellowship. When not pursuing medical interests, I mostly prefer to be in the mountains, hiking, white-water kayaking, biking, backpacking, skiing and just generally enjoying the great outdoors.



Luman, Kyle, MPH
2005-2006
MD candidate
University of California San Francisco

I graduated from college in 1994 with a BS in Biology from The Master's College. I then received an MPH degree specializing in Epidemiology from the UCLA School of Public Health in 1997. I then worked in the Dept of Disease Control and Prevention in the Tigray Regional Health Bureau in Tigray, Ethiopia for 8+ months, followed by 4 years of work in the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency as an epidemiologist doing all forms of descriptive epidemiology for a small local health department. I returned to school to study medicine at UCSF in the fall of 2002



Meya, David B., MD
2004-2005

Born 6th February 1974, in Kampala, Uganda. David completed his Secondary School education in Kings' College Budo in Uganda before joining Makerere Medical School where he obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) degree. He worked as a Medical Officer in Mengo hospital, Kampala, Uganda for three years in the General Surgery and Internal medicine departments with specific interest in managing HIV/AIDS patients. David along with colleagues set up an out patient clinic providing antiretroviral therapy to HIV/AIDS patients in Mengo hospital. Subsequently, he joined the Internal Medicine residency programme at Makerere Medical School, Mulago where he did research on Functional Adrenal Insufficiency among critically ill HIV patients for his thesis. He was selected as a Fogarty-Ellison fellow during his residency. He has presented this work at the IDSA meeting held in San Francisco, California in 2005. David is currently attached to the Infectious Disease Institute, Makerere University as an Infectious Disease fellow with research interests in Sepsis and Immune reconstitution in HIV patients.

Alumni



Namukwaya, Elizabeth, MD
2005-2006

I was born and currently live in Uganda. I am married and have one child. I went to school in Uganda for both primary and secondary school, and I graduated from Makerere Medical School in 1999. Thereafter, I did internship for one year and worked as a medical officer in one of the suburbs of Kampala. I worked in the maternity ward, the pediatrics ward, and the surgery ward, but I spent most of my time in the HIV clinic and in the medical ward where I became interested in HIV. Currently, I am doing residency in internal medicine in Makerere medical school. I am in my first year and am interested in clinical research especially in HIV and gastroenterology.



Simon, Sekeganda Luzige, MBChB
2005-2006

I was born in Mubende, Uganda in 1973 and graduated in January 1999 from Makerere University Medical School with a degree in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. I had one year of internship training in Nsanbya Hospital, Kampala after which I was appointed a medical officer in Nkozi Hospital in Mpigi District, where I worked for five years. While in Nkozi Hospital, I was in charge of the General ward and the community health department and together with the colleagues took full responsibility of the management of patients and their families. In the fifth year I was appointed Acting Medical superintendent and assumed leadership of Mawokota South Health Sub-District and in collaboration with the World Health organization Uganda country office, strengthened health care delivery in the Health Sub-District through operational research. I am currently a postgraduate student in Internal Medicine Makerere University, Mulago Hospital Kampala.



Schwartz, Jeremy, MD
2004-2005

Schwartz is originally from Hartsdale, NY. In 1996, he went off to Cornell for a degree in Biology and a concentration in Animal Physiology. Originally he was aiming for vet school but soon realized he'd like taking care of people more than animals. During junior year he studied ecology and Swahili in Tanzania and summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. During college he hosted a weekly TV news program and worked for a summer at ABC News, strongly considering a career in television journalism before deciding that medicine was his calling. Between college and medical school, he cycled from San Francisco to Washington, DC with a fraternity group to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities and then worked in a lab at Columbia University. In 2001, he started medical school at the University of Rochester School. He was selected as a Fogarty Fellow and spent the year working with the Uganda-Case Western TB Research Collaboration in Kampala, Uganda. Jeremy's work centered on childhood tuberculosis within the context of the Kawempe Community Health Study, a study of household transmission of TB. After returning, he presented his work from Uganda at the Infectious Diseases Society of America conference in San Francisco and the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease conference in Paris. He is currently a resident in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at New Haven Hospital.

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Goldman, Jason
2006-2007
MD candidate
University of Pennsylvania

Jason was born in London England and then spent his formative years trying to escape the suburbia of Philadelphia, PA. He pursued undergraduate training in Electrical Engineering at Duke University, planning for a career in Neuroscience. Senior year of college found him traveling through rural Mexico on a mountaineering trip and after that he was hooked... away from academia he tromped around the wilds of Colorado, working as a ski instructor and wilderness guide, also traveling in East Africa and Central America. He eventually gave up the wanderlust for his old stomping grounds of Philadelphia where he is a MD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine. Jason's professional interests include infectious disease and access to health care for underserved populations. As a Fogarty Fellow he will work in Lusaka, Zambia, under the mentorship of Dr. Sten Vermund, Vanderbilt University and Drs. Jeffrey Stringer & Isaac Zulu, Center for Infectious Disease Research Zambia. His project will focus on optimizing the timing of HAART initiation in resource poor settings. Kenneth Kapembwa will be the Zambian Fogarty/Ellison Fellow.



Kapembwa, Kenneth Chali, MBChB
2006-2007
MMed candidate
University of Zambia

I am a 31 year old medical doctor who graduated from The University of Zambia four years ago with an MB, ChB degree. Thereafter, I did a year and six months of internship at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka before going for a similar time period to head a rural district hospital within Zambia. My area of clinical interest has been in internal medicine. Currently, I am doing my Master of Medicine in Internal Medicine (MMed), with a bias towards HIV/AIDS. My clinical work involves attending to medical emergencies on a "call day", clerking patients, planning appropriate investigation and treatment plans and following up in-patients. I also help in teaching medical students and supervising intern doctors. All this I do under the care of a consultant within my unit. Being in a Masters program, I keep myself updated on the latest information within Internal Medicine. When not at work, I spend my time with my wife and two daughters; they keep me refreshed. My international experience involved a two month Jonas Louis Foundation scholarship to Camp Rising Sun, New York, 15 years ago. It was a youth leadership training camp.



Nyirenda, Christopher, MBChB

2006-2007

MMed candidate

University of Zambia

I am a Zambian National currently working as a Senior Resident Medical Officer in the Department of Medicine, University Teaching Hospital. I've also served as HIV/AIDS focal person and Medical officer In charge at a District Hospital for 1 year. I hold BScHB, MBChB Degrees, Certificate in Antiretroviral Therapy and Certificate in syndromic management of sexually transmitted infections. I am currently doing my 2nd year, Master of Medicine, Internal Medicine, University of Zambia. I enjoy watching Soccer and Christian fellowship.



Phaendler, Krista

2006-2007

MD candidate

University of Pittsburgh

I was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania and moved to Pittsburgh, PA to study biology at Carnegie Mellon University. After graduating from Carnegie Mellon in 2002, I spent part of my summer living and learning about health care in Quito, Ecuador. I returned to Carnegie Mellon for their Fifth Year Scholar program studying French, Spanish, history and health and gender psychology and putting together a peer health education program for the university. Since 2003 I have studied at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Following my second year of medical school, two of my classmates and I traveled to Siaya District, Kenya where we helped with pediatric HIV/AIDS clinic upstart and networked with other NGOs and hospital staff in Kisumu and Siaya. I look forward to returning to Africa in the upcoming year to spend time in Zambia doing cervical cancer research, which fits well with my career aspirations in obstetrics/gynecology and an ongoing role in international health.

Alumni



Aparicio, Sylvia Susana
2005-2006
MD candidate
Harvard Medical School

I was born in La Paz, Bolivia. I moved to Lexington, Kentucky with my family, which is where I went to grade school and high school. I attended Vanderbilt University from which I graduated with a molecular biology and chemistry major and a high honors thesis. Through college and high school, my interests included track and field, swimming, horseback riding, photography, and traveling. I am now finished with my third year in medical school and have aspirations to be a surgeon and work abroad in developing countries.



Megazzini, Karen, MMSc
2004-2005
DrPH candidate
University of Alabama Birmingham

Megazzini is a Doctor of Public Health candidate at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was a Fogarty-Ellison fellow based at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia during the inaugural year of the fellowship (2004-2005). There she conducted a cluster randomized clinical trial of labor-ward based voluntary counseling and testing for HIV and nevirapine administration. During her stay in Zambia, she also coordinated a World Food Programme collaboration with the Zambian PEPFAR program, providing nutritional supplementation to food insecure patients on antiretroviral therapy. The evaluation of that program has been given an oral presentation at the August 2006 International AIDS meeting in Toronto. Ms. Megazzini is also a Physician Assistant with experience in family practice and neonatology. She has worked in a rural community health center in Palmetto, Georgia where she has participated in the National Health Service Corps' Loan Repayment Program and also has several years of clinical experience in neonatology working in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Atlanta Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.



Mweenba, Aggrey, MD
2004-2005

I was born on the 11th February 1974 in a small town in the southern part of Zambia called Monze. I'm the 4th born in a family of five. I completed my medical school in 2001 then went for military training (Zambia Air Force) but stopped half way because I was called back to the University to do my residence. In 2004, I became a Fogarty/Ellison fellow with Dalila Zachary as my American partner. I'm currently doing my last year of my residence in Internal medicine and at the moment I'm in the Netherlands learning how to do bronchoscopies for two and half months. I have just been nominated by the Institute of Human Virology (USA) through PEPFAR to train Zambian doctors and clinical officers in the management and treatment of HIV/AIDS in an African setting. I have been involved in a number of research projects since I became a Fogarty/Ellison fellow. Some of these include the following projects: 1. mortality review of HIV patients that died during the first year of Antiretroviral therapy in Lusaka, Zambia. We are currently analyzing data with Dalila. 2. Efavirenz toxicity; any genetic link in black Zambians. The data is still being analyzed. I have a great interest in Pulmonary and Renal diseases with a bias to HIV and I hope to pursue my career and research in the above areas.



Sinkala, Edford, MBChB
2005-2006
MSc candidate
University of Zambia

I was born on 9th February 1973, in Mbala, Zambia. I am married with one child and Christian by religion. I am Mambwe by tribe and very conversant in English. I received, in 1996, the Bachelor of Human Biology (BScHb) and my Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB), in 1999, University of Zambia. In 1998, I presented a paper on Kaposi's Sarcoma and minor and majors of HIV/AIDS in Istanbul, Turkey at a medical student and young doctors' conference. In 1998, I conducted a study on the knowledge, attitude and behavior on HIV/AIDS among secondary school students in periurban Lusaka. In 1999, I attended International conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa – Zambia. I worked as a medical doctor at the University Teaching Hospital from 2000 to 2002 and then at Chipata General Hospital in Eastern part of Zambia where I coordinated Tuberculosis programs in the province. Currently I am perusing a master's degree in internal medicine and am working on the paper looking at outcome and complications of Antiretroviral Therapy in the first 6 months. In March 2005, I attended a workshop on the scaling up of HIV/AIDS treatment in Zambia.

Alumni



Zachary, Dalilia, MD
2004-2005

Zachary is currently an internal medicine resident at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. She started in 2005 after her medical degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She received her bachelor's degree in Religion and Africana Studies from Haverford College in 2000 where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Much of her academic success was made possible through her participation in the Minority Access to Research Careers Program and as an A Better Chance Scholar. Her professional accomplishments include research and travel to Zambia as a Fogarty/Ellison Fellow to work on issues confronting HIV/AIDS populations. She has participated in research projects in South Africa at the Medicinal Research Council on intimate partner violence. She spent many summers devoted to laboratory research in medical genetics and microbiology. From her myriad of research experiences, she has walked away with a strong desire to be involved in international research. Her future plans include returning to Zambia to work as a medical director and researcher on HIV/AIDS projects. She is also a willing volunteer and supporter of any outreach community project that seeks to uplift and provide much needed services to those less fortunate members of our society.

Quotes from Alumni Scholars

"I have had a remarkable experience, and will always be tremendously grateful for the opportunity to be a fellow."

Sherman

"Being a Fogarty-Ellison fellow has been an extremely enriching experience for me. There has been too many useful lessons in that short period of time. I would go through it again without a second thought. Only regret was that time went too fast." **Kinuthia**

"When I first heard about the Fogarty Fellowship, I immediately thought that this was an experience not to be passed up. At the time, I felt that an opportunity to live and work abroad, experience another culture, and gain a unique perspective on clinical research was a privilege that few of my peers or colleagues would be able to have. I immediately knew it was the right kind of challenge for me, and that, if nothing else, it would really be an experience of a life time, whether I achieved what I wanted to or not. I had few expectations of the program, other than that it would be a year that would change the way I viewed clinical research, change my perspective on what is valuable to study and practice in research and in clinical practice, allow me opportunities to further my understanding of the role of the clinician in research, and know better the challenges and rewards of that role." **Bebell**

"So amongst all the fanciful sights and sounds as well as expansive beaches and wondrous wildlife, Tanzania to me will continue to be about the beauty of its people and children like Rosie who deserve a better chance to live life to the fullest. My journey begins anew, with the knowledge that through hard work and great perseverance a difference can be made to help those most in need." **Blander**

"The clinical activities at the hospital were challenging and interesting. The exposure served as an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about presentations of diseases and the practice of clinical medicine in Tanzania. Overall, this 10-month experience has further solidified my interest in infectious disease medicine and global health. I am grateful for having had this opportunity, and, in retrospect, I am glad I chose to accept the fellowship position." **Drain**

"After an extraordinary year as a Fogarty Ellison Fellow, I can say with confidence that the year has been a real "eye opener" for me. Before joining the program, I was mainly interested in basic science and felt that my career goals were clearly mapped out, but through the program found that one of the most rewarding experiences personally was the impact we had on Botswana...." **Rossenkhani**

"As a result of the Fogarty/Ellison fellowship, I now have an avid interest in global health." **Singh**

"I have learned almost as much from my Fogarty-Ellison co-fellows as I have from my advisors...This collegial relationship between 'U.S.' and 'foreign site' fellows is one of the greatest strengths of the Fogarty fellowship." **Subbaraman**

"It was an amazing experience for me. It did change a lot of things in my life. I think that research is actually fun when you put in the right effort and spirit. Being one of the youngest fellows, I realize it's a wonderful opportunity for one to be introduced to it early in life. The program is definitely repeatable and I wish the next Indian fellow all the very best." **Sathyakumar**

"While a year long research experience abroad may require one to do a small piece of a larger project, and one may accomplish little in the sense of having a shining product at the end, it's main purpose is to provide one with all the experiences and skills, often less appreciated but arguably more important, that are necessary to perceive international health problems, dream up possible solutions, and research and test these hypotheses. These skills can't be learned in a book, and for better or worse, they must be lived through day by day. All the best international health researchers have lived through the joy, and sometimes the frustration, of personally working abroad." **Unger**

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